

DX LISTENING DIGEST 15-02, January 14, 2015
Incorporating REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
edited by Glenn Hauser, <http://www.worldofradio.com>

Items from DXLD may be reproduced and re-reproduced only if full credit be maintained at all stages and we be provided exchange copies. DXLD may not be reposted in its entirety without permission.

Materials taken from Arctic or originating from Olle Alm and not having a commercial copyright are exempt from all restrictions of noncommercial, noncopyrighted reusage except for full credits

For restrictions and searchable 2015 contents archive see
<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html>
[also link to previous years]

NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn

WORLD OF RADIO 1756 CONTENTS: *DX and station news about:
Albania, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Diego Garcia, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel non, Korea North non, Kuwait, MExico, Mongolia non, Myanmar, Netherlands non, Nigeria, North America, Philippines, Rwanda non, Sudan, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, UK, USA

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1756, January 15-21, 2015

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [confirmed]
Fri 0001	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [confirmed]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770	[confirmed]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1000	WRMI	5850	
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0200	WH2XDE-1	1750	Victor NY
Sun 0231	KVOH	9975	[confirmed]
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580	
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Mon 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0401	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Wed 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1415	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v	
Wed 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24

Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [or 1757 if ready in time]

Latest edition of this schedule version, including AM, FM, satellite and webcasts with hotlinks to station sites and audio, is at:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html> or

<http://schedule.worldofradio.org> or <http://sked.worldofradio.org>

For updates see our Anomaly Alert page:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/anomaly.html>

WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?>

[option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de)

or directly via:

<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

AND ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

Unedited, uncondensed, unchanged from original version, many of them too complex, minutely researched, multi-frequency, opinionated, inconsequential, off-topic, or lengthy for some log editors to manage; and also ahead of their availability in these weekly issues:

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

DXLD YAHOOGROUP: Why wait for DXLD? A lot more info, not all of it appearing in DXLD later, is posted at our yg without delay.

When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here's where to sign up:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 7560, Jan 9 at 0129-0130*, talk in Farsi? Fair with flutter: no, it's Dari, after Pashto, the second half of VOA Radio Ashna, 0030-0130, 250 kW, 334 degrees from Iranawila, SRI LANKA, per Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. CHINA(non), No signal of China Radio International via Fllake on Jan 10-13:

0700-0900 on 1215vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu English
1600-1700 on 1215vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Albanian
1700-1800 on 1215vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Esperanto
1800-1900 on 1215vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Romanian
2200-2300 on 1215vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Serbian
1215v=1215.10

1700-1800 on 1458vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Bulgarian
1800-1900 on 1458vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Italian
2000-2100 on 1458vFKE 500 kW / non-dir to SEEu Hungarian
2130-2230 on 1458vFKE 500 kW / 004 deg to CeEu Polish
2230-2330 on 1458vFKE 500 kW / 338 deg to CeEu Czech
1458v=1457.85

Transmissions of Radio Tirana on 1458v continue on schedule.

No signal of China Radio International via Fllake on Jan 10-14, plus videos:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/no-signal-of-china-radio-international.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD) Because of the off-frequency issue?? (gh, DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 7464.977, Radio Tirana, Shijak transmission towards West Europe, UK & IRELAND, and propagation path made it towards eastern coast of N America too, heard on S=9+15dB signal level, on NY / Boston Massachusetts network remote units. At 2118 to 2123 UT Jan 10 (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Received an e-QSL-card from the Italian service RAE for reception 05/01/2015 at the frequency of 15345 kHz. The report confirmed: Caritina Cosulich, RAE Italiano, Radio Nacional Argentina. Sent to the address: raeitaliano @ gmail.com (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX Jan 11 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. YouTube video that I've edited that appeared on ABC TV yesterday that shows a few seconds of aerial imagery (file footage) of the [Darwin] site during its later broadcasting years. The report begins at the entrance to the site. Most of the report content is superfluous for the interest of members, but I include all of it (except the missed first few seconds) for the sake of completeness. <<http://youtu.be/liLrAPqtQzs>> YouTube (Ian, Jan 13, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. The ABC has announced major cuts to Radio Australia shortwave transmissions.
From 1 January all overseas relays (via Dhabaya, Kranji and Palau) will end.
From 1 January all shortwave transmissions to Asia will cease.

From 31 January the Brandon shortwave site will close.

From 31 January output from Shepparton will be reduced from six full time transmitters to only three transmitters, all operating 24 hours per day with the following schedule:

0900-2100 on 6080 6150 9580

2100-0900 on 15240 15415 17840

(Radio Australia via WRTH via Jan BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

There had been fears that the ABC might abandon shortwave completely so although output is significantly reduced, RA will retain a welcome presence on SW for the time being and hopefully some of the above frequencies will be audible in Europe. Programming includes relays of ABC National and TripleJ (Dave Kenny, ed., Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

If you look at their website, on pages such as <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/waystolisten> it looks as if all that will be taken off shortwave are the Burmese broadcasts. Also the PDF shortwave schedule does not show any upcoming cancellations.

So why this obsession for Burmese and complete ignorance of many frequency hours of English going away, too? Left hand not knowing what the right one is doing? Or is it the already beheaded chicken, still running across the yard? (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The "1 January" date is likely a typo; should be 14 January, as stated in DX Re Mix News #890

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/dx-re-mix-news-890.html>

The new reduced schedule is probably the best result we could have expected out of the RA budget cuts, and is probably the most rational solution, keeping a few frequencies for the Pacific where the service is needed the most. Sort of an enhanced version of the RNZI broadcast model.

Unfortunately this continues the downward trend in SW broadcasting. I suspect we will see cuts from a number of other broadcasters when the A-15 schedules are revealed. Curious about BBCWS and DW in particular, both of which have indicated that further reductions are on the way (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, *ibid.*)

In many ways the new schedule makes sense. RNZI has been targeting the region on 2 frequencies for years. RA in many ways did have too many on the air for their target (Keith Perron, Taiwan, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. I have just been listening to R. Australia on 9965 kHz - the Palau frequency - with slight delay on [meaning to, or behind?] the 12085 kHz Shepparton transmission. SINPO 24232, ALA 1530 loop, AR5000 rcx

/\

/-/\ / \

/ \ \

(Mike German, Hayfield in High Peak, 1353 UT Jan 11, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

[and non]. Drastic cuts are underway at Radio Australia.

9965, Jan 13 at 1358, no signal any more from the PALAU relay which had been scheduled at 1300-1430. In BDXC-UK yg, Mike German had heard it as recently as Jan 11 at 1353. But in the January issue of BDXC-UK Communication we see this [as above]

So the date for closing Palau relay must have slipped, but note what's coming at monthend if that stix: We will no longer have numerous other RA frequencies, such as 19000, 15300, 13630, 12065. Best of the lot remaining, if still on same azimuths toward N America, should be 9580 and 17840.

Jan 13 at 1356 I am still hearing RA on 5940, 5995-Brandon, 9475 [WTWW silent], 9580, 12065. I think I heard 12085 recently too, which was for Asia, so that also lasted past Jan 1 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, the shoe finally drops. At least they are leaving us something. Too bad 21740 is not coming back. This schedule will further limit the number of listenable hours in Ontario. 9580 is still good in the morning but the Cuban CRI relay [9570 spurs] still makes a mess of it. 15240 fades in typically after 03-04 UT. 17840 has been poor. So nothing for us in the evenings now (Andy Reid, Ont, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Australia in Burmese on shortwave will cease from Jan. 14:
0000-0030 on 12005 SNG 100 kW / 340 deg to SEAs Burmese Mon-Fri
0000-0030 on 12005 SNG 100 kW / 340 deg to SEAs English Sat/Sun
0100-0130 on 11780 SNG 100 kW / 340 deg to SEAs Burmese Mon-Fri
0100-0130 on 11780 SNG 100 kW / 340 deg to SEAs English Sat/Sun
2300-2330 on 5955 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SEAs Burmese Mon-Fri
2300-2330 on 5955 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SEAs English Sat/Sun

The ABC has announced major cuts to Radio Australia shortwave

transmissions

-from Jan. 14 all overseas relays (via Dhabbaya, Kranji and Palau) will end.

-from Jan. 14 all shortwave transmissions to Asia will cease.

-from Jan. 31 the Brandon shortwave site will close, output from Shepparton will be reduced from six full time transmitters to only three transmitters, all operating 24 hours per day with the following shortwave schedule:

0900-2100 on 6080 6150 9580

2100-0900 on 15240 15415 17840

(Radio Australia via WRTH via BDXC-UK via DXLD)

Full B-14 schedule of Radio Australia until Jan 14/31 is here:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/04/radio-australia.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

The DX Re Mix item was acknowledged as taken from DXLD, but Ivo changed the dates without explanation (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Website could be right. I was still able to hear Radio Australia on 15415 last 01/11 at 0030 UT here in Tokyo. I need to check this weekend if I can still get R. Australia. All the best, (Rommel, Japan, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Quick [p]review of ABC Radio Australia frequencies via Shepparton, which are to be cancelled on Jan 31, according to the announced major cuts

0700-1000 on 11945 SHP 100 kW / 100 deg to SPac English

0700-0900 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English

1100-1730 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1100-1900 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1300-1700 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English

1700-2030 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English

In addition my last video of Radio Australia via T8WH Angel 3 Palau on Jan 11.

1300-1430 on 9965 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg to EaAs English, no signal on Jan 13:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/quick-review-of-abc-radio-australia.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

But that's not all (gh, DXLD)

Part 2 - [p]review of ABC Radio Australia frequencies via Shepparton, which are to be cancelled on Jan 31, according to the announced major cuts:

0500-0630 on 21725 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0630-0700 on 21725 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs Tok Pisin Mon-Fri
0630-0700 on 21725 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English Sat/Sun
0700-1100 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0800-1100 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
1500-1700 on 9850 SHP 100 kW / 040 deg to NPac English
2030-0630 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0630-0700 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs Tok Pisin Mon-Fri
0630-0700 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English Sat/Sun
2330-0630 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0630-0700 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs Tok Pisin Mon-Fri
0630-0700 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English Sat/Sun
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/review-of-abc-radio-australia.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, *ibid.*)

**** AUSTRALIA. END OF SUNDAY LIVE, AND A BLEAK FUTURE FOR CLASSIC FM**

Dear Craig Seager, You may have seen the announcement over the past few days of the decision by ABC Management to axe the popular Sunday Live concerts and live broadcasts on Sunday afternoons. These concerts have, over the past 40 years, provided valuable performance opportunities for our outstanding soloists and small ensembles, many of them young, and often performing new music. They were the only concerts mounted on a regular basis by the ABC, were free to audience members, and were broadcast from venues in all capital cities.

The claim by Classic FM Manager Richard Buckham that "It's not cost-cutting - it's more an editorial decision" is patently rubbish - ask anybody in Classic FM! It is clearly in response to the massive cuts in ABC funding by the Abbott government that have just cost 400 ABC jobs (10% of ABC staff). It would seem that Classic FM is being targeted for much more than its share of these cuts, perhaps because its audience does not meet the criteria for ABC management's desperate search for "a younger demographic."

There has, since the announcement of funding cuts (with more to come!) been great concern that Classic FM would be closed down completely, but even an ABC management seemingly intent on "dumbing down" the ABC as much as possible would find it difficult to justify such an action without abandoning the ABC's clear Charter obligations to broadcast Australian cultural events to the Australian public, as well as its responsibility to educate all Australians.

If you have become accustomed to enjoying the Sydney International Piano Competition, the Townsville Chamber Music Festival, other music festivals across the country, and daily live broadcasts and recordings of concerts by all of our state orchestras, Opera Australia, ACO, AY0, Brandenburg etc. etc. at no cost, and from the comfort of your own

home, then you need to be aware that such live broadcasts will be cut by 50% in 2015. We await the full 2015 schedule to find out which major musical events will no longer be covered. The annual coverage of National Music Camp, this year from Adelaide, that was broadcast last Saturday night - outstanding performances from our finest young orchestral musicians, may have happened for the last time.

The tragedy in such cultural vandalism on the part of the Abbott government and ABC management is that Classic FM is outstandingly good at what it does - overseas musicians who visit will readily tell you that Classic FM is the best classical music broadcaster anywhere in the world - its coverage of significant musical events across Australia is comprehensive, and it broadcasts these events to the rest of the world, as well as producing many commercial recordings of Australian performers and composers, such as the recent CD set of Tamara-Anna Cislowska performing the complete piano works of Peter Sculthorpe. Presenters on Classic FM are, almost without exception, musicians in their own right - Graham Abbott, Guy Noble, Chris Nicholls, Mairi Nicolson, Damian Beaumont, et al, and guests such as Gerard Willems for the Sydney Piano Competition, who speak with knowledge, authority and passion.

If you share my outrage and my anger at what is happening to Classic FM, then now is the time to act - it will be too late when it is all gone! Please write, encourage others to write, forward this email to all your friends and contacts and urge them to write to ABC Managing Director Mark Scott, and to the responsible minister in the Abbott government, Malcolm Turnbull - contact details are below.

Mal Hewitt
President Collegiate of Specialist Music Educators
<http://www.csme.org.au/> President ABC Friends NSW & ACT
<http://www.fabcnsw.org.au/fabc/>

Mark Scott AO
ABC Managing Director
GPO Box 994
Sydney NSW 2001
Email: mark.scott@abc.net.au

The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
Minister for Communications
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Email: malcolm.turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au
(ABC Friends NSW & ACT, Jan 13 via Craig Seager, ARDXC via WORLD OF

RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Let's be fair. 400 cuts out of a nationwide staff of 4000. My station - 2WEB - has trained many broadcasters, who went on to work at the ABC. Many tell me, confidentially, if you are hired to do a job - that is all you do. Very little multi-tasking, which is the norm at most non-ABC stations.

If the ABC would re-think its staff policies and restructure to reflect multi-tasking and better utilisation of resources, more programmes could be retained. Honestly, with approximately 3600 staff remaining, the ABC could get the job done.

And by the way - despite lay-offs, the ABC is STILL hiring! 2WEB just lost staff to regional ABC in SA. I wish lobby groups would shut up because they just don't get it - or simply refuse to look at the facts. Or maybe it's just a personal grudge against the PM because a few people still think the ABC is the holy grail of broadcasters (which it isn't, but that's another story). (Sent from David Sharp's iPhone, NSW, ARDXC via DXLD)

We'll have to agree to disagree on this one, David. I don't want to turn this mailing group into a lengthy political discussion (as no doubt there are a range of views, and maybe some that are deeply held), but it's pretty clear what the overall agenda is.

Public (and community) broadcasting is worth defending tooth and nail - the rest of the media landscape is predominantly a vacuous wasteland. For better or worse I have to work in the commercial world, so I know about multi-tasking; there's also something a little bit grubby that is often inherent in the profit motive, and one never knows how much the information broadcast is tainted by the self-interest of proprietors.

As a taxpayer, if there is some inefficiency in the ABC I'll wear it, so long as I still have a regional news service and quality documentaries as an alternative to the networked shock-jocks that my local alternative carries for most of the broadcast day. It's one of the very few country stations in NSW that is still independently owned, but there doesn't seem to be much benefit. The four minute warning could sound, and the horsemen of the apocalypse might ride over the horizon - but there wouldn't be a live announcer at the mic to tell the population any time after 8 am.

Similarly, I continue to see value in program-specific external broadcasting, whatever the delivery platform. Quality newspapers are also dying, and there ain't much left when they finally go. Anyway, back to the DX! Was just putting the information out there, as

received. 73 (Craig Seager, ibid.)

One of the points I am trying to make is, if the ABC better utilised staff and resources we wouldn't see all the programme cuts. My observations are the result of direct conversations with ABC staffers. If they hire you to write news, that's generally all you do, even if you have talents elsewhere. Plus - as I said - despite the layoffs, the ABC is still hiring.

Economically, the smart thing to do is to utilise staff talents when possible. Most broadcasters (including myself) believe the ABC have long been fat cats and can still maintain a high level of presentation if they reorganise how staff are used. Also - ABC salaries are generally much higher than elsewhere in the broadcasting industry. (Sent from David Sharp's iPhone, Jan 16, ibid.) By David, presumably

** AUSTRALIA. 15489.968, (HCJB) HCA Reach Beyond Australia from Kununurra, in English, discussion with Dr. King interview. At 0820 UT on Jan 10 heard "Mr. Postman" song started, S=6-7 fluttery signal to southern Germany remote post (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN [non]. The mystery relay of Bahrain opposition Loiloua TV on 7130 kHz was only observed from 15 to 18 November and has not been reported since (see DX News December) (Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6000, 1812, R Guiana, Brazil. OMs with PP LA sx then YL commentary 242 12/12 MLF (Michael L Ford Newcastle-u-Lyme, Staffs NRD515, NCM515, NRD545, 85' lw, Wellbrook 330ALA loop, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

That's Guaíba, not Guiana! In Porto Alegre. 1812 UT is awful early to be propagating from mid-summer southern Brasil to the UK; gaisma.com shows current sunset in P.A. is 2230 UT, more than 4 hours later! and a month ago would not have been much different. sx means singing? Sports? Banish such abbrs.

What could he really have heard? It certainly would not be in Portuguese, but per Aoki, Adygeyan Radio, 100 kW from Krasnodar, Russia, is on 6000 Mondays & Fridays at 18-19, and Dec 12 was a Friday; and that was in fact reported by Dave Kenny on the previous Monday, one line above this log:

`6000, 1800, Adygey R, Russia. Anthem, YL, ID, s/on in VV (presumed Adygeyan), 232, 08/12`

Aoki lists: ``6000 Adygeyan Radio 1800-1900 .2...6. Adygeyan 100 188

Krasnodar RUS 4436N 04048E MAJKO b14``

If you're going to list-log, please first learn basic propagation facts and consider the alternatives. Nothing about using a remote receiver which if the case should ALWAYS be specified (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. Co-channel tiny weak signal on 6010.044 kHz, Rádío Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG

6010.160, HJDH, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, Puerto Lleras, Meta. Nice male boys singer chorus, of Latin American music, only S=7 -75dBm strength, hit heavily by BBCWS from Ascension Island relay, latter about US CIA feature (Wolfgang B.schel, Jan 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD) No times, but the precise frequencies may be of help (gh)

** BRAZIL. 9725, 1/10 0942, R. RB2, Curitiba-PR, in Portuguese; program RB2 Newspaper; ID; fair signal and poor modulation; 35432. Parallel log on 11935 kHz, s/off (J Ronaldo X, Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 10000.398, PPE Observatório Nacional, 10 Jan 0249 - Noted PPE quite a bit off frequency, nice signal and causing a significant het against WWV. -- 73, (Brandon Jordan, WA4230SWL, Fayette County, TN EM55gc, <http://www.swldx.us> dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Standard frequency??? Hardly (gh, ibid.)

Here in Germany and France a carrier visible (PPE? Brasil) on 10000.399 kHz at 1940 UT Jan 10 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780, 1/10 0420, R. Nacional da Amazônia, Brasília DF, in Portuguese; program "I'm here you there", listeners live, by phone; musics; very good signal but moderate distorted modulation at this time; New problem in the transmitter? It's possible! 55443

11780, 1/10 0950, R. Nacional da Amazônia, BrasíliaDF, in Portuguese; program "Our Brazil Rural" with traditional inlander musics; ID, ZYE365, R. Nac. da Amazônia, your voice in the Brazilian radio; very good transmission at this time, 45544 (J Ronaldo X, Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Rádío Nacional da Amazonia, 11780, 1/10/15, good signal with slight side splash from 11775, heard at 2136 UTC with Portuguese music; brief ID "Nacional" announced between music selections and full ID at 2200 UTC with mentioning of Brasilia (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11746 & 11814, Jan 11 at 0158 check, no crackling spurs detectable from 11780.1 RNA/RNB which is extremely strong, so I venture to concede that they have finally been fixed ---- for now (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Asunto: [drmn] R·dio Nacional da Amaz·nia trial --- Hi people, There will be a 100 W DRM transmission at 6180 kHz, probably as soon as next week. I'll let you know as soon as the transmission go to air from one of the R·dio Nacional da Amaz·nia antennas. ;) Best regards, Rafael Diniz Posted by: Rafael Diniz <rafael@riseup.net> 13 January (via Rafael Rodríguez R., Colombia, condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

100 WATTS or 100 KILOWATTS?? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

We don't know the schedule yet. Just 100 W, not 100 kW. People from Ministry and EBC assembled something like the Sottens trial equipment (Spark + linear amps), but the antenna will be a very good one. Best regards (Rafael Diniz, drmn yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Wrong satellite connection of Secretbrod was observed on Jan 10:
1845-1900 5925 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu Farsi BVB(tent), instead of
1845-1900 5925 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg WeEu English Sat EU News Network
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/wrong-satellite-connection-of.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. GERMANY(non), Unscheduled broadcasts of Bible Voice Broadcasting on 11700
1703-1718 11700 SOF 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Dardasha 7 Daily
1718-1803 11700 SOF 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Mon/Wed/Fri
1718-1748 11700 SOF 100 kW / 126 deg to N/ME Arabic Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun
Two video clips of transmissions Sat Jan 10 & Tue Jan13 after 1748:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/unscheduled-broadcasts-of-bible-voice.html>
(Ivo, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. 12115, Jan 9 at 0114, Burmese is poor with flutter, i.e. RFA via SRI LANKA, 0030-0130, 250 kW at 57 degrees. SLBC 11905 is better, q.v. R. Australia is about to cancel its Burmese service, but the Myanmarianese will still have RFA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. PHILIPPINES, 7410 NF, The Voice of Love, *1200-1300*: FEBC Cambodia, 'The Voice of Love' New frequency, ex 7420, IS running now, under strong o/c signal of CRI, and then blasted out by

CRI on the hour (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. 800, Jan 9 at 0140 UT, 'Clark Howard Show' advising us how to shop --- avoid a cart and buy less if you are lugging products in your arms. Then advising a caller about her daughter. I have KQCV OKC nulled, which maintains a fairly strong groundwave signal here at night; pattern protects XEROK but aims at CKLW {which has a minor lobe toward us! Clark Howard is live in the afternoons, but CKLW Windsor Ont sked confirms they have him on now: <http://www.am800cklw.com/Shows/Schedule> I'm sure that's it, tho there are a couple of bitty US stations in between. Meanwhile, just a trace of XEROK, which is odd but sometimes happens; co-city station KAMA 750 is also hardly making it past WSB for a change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CAMPUS RADIO BACK ON THE AIR AT RYERSON --- CRTC grants non-profit new license on AM dial after CKLN debacle, but critics say new board overseeing station's operations shuts out community voices by Anthony P. Gulston ñ Now Toronto - December 31, 2014 forwarded to CIDX by Avrom Shtern, Montreal, QC

Three years after losing its broadcast license in a series of implosions at campus radio station CKLN-FM, campus radio is back at Ryerson University.

Radio Ryerson Inc., the non-profit that owned the CKLN license before it was revoked in 2011, obtained a new license from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) December 11 to broadcast at 1280 kHz on the AM dial. Yes, medium wave. The Scope, as the station will be known, is expected to officially take to the air in January of 2016. It had been streaming online at <http://thescopeatryerson.ca>

The terms and conditions calls for 126 hours of programming each week, with the bulk of that, some 120 hours, devoted to local and Canadian programming. The format will include a mix of music with a focus on emerging artists. The station will borrow space on the transmission tower at Unwin and Cherry now used by Voces Latinas.

But while Radio Ryerson was able to obtain a license, it was not without opposition. Two former CKLN staffers, Greg Duffell and Daniel Besharat, urged the CRTC to deny the application arguing the Ryerson Students Union will exercise too much control over the station, including on the board charged with overseeing its operations. Of the board's nine members, only two will be chosen from the community at large. Six will come from the Ryerson student body and administration, with the station director rounding out the complement.

Duffell charged that Radio Ryerson's application was inconsistent with the CRTC's campus and community radio policy, which requires a balance of members from the community on the board.

But the CRTC's decision noted that it was appropriate to restrict membership to community members on the new board overseeing the station to avoid governance problems such as those that led to the revocation of CKLN-FM's license, where a second competing board of directors was elected by members. The CRTC's 2011 decision revoking CKLN's license also noted the lack of involvement of the Ryerson Student Union in the operation of the station, despite its status as a campus radio station.

After losing its CKLN-FM license, Radio Ryerson attempted to reclaim its FM position on the dial, but it was instead awarded to INDIE 88. To sweeten its application this time, Radio Ryerson will hold the license instead of the station itself.

Duffell contended Radio Ryerson was rushing its application for a broadcast license because it is a stipulation of their student funding. He cited a 2011 interview in the Ryerson campus newspaper EyeOpener in which Radio Ryerson president Jacky Tuinstra-Harrison is quoted as saying we're [Radio Ryerson] just in a hurry to get a license so that it [funding] can be activated.

But while opposition was vocal, the list supporting Ryerson's application was impressive. Among the intervenors on Ryerson's behalf were singer-songwriter Ron Sexsmith, Blue Rodeo founding member Bob Wiseman, as well as Toronto city councillors Kristyn Wong-Tam and Mike Layton and Liberal MP Chrystia Freeland. The National Campus and Community Radio Association also backed Ryerson's bid.

Both Sexsmith and Wiseman noted the lack of independent radio on the airwaves in their submissions to the CRTC.

It has become much harder for those of us working in the music biz to get any airplay with most of the other stations adhering to a strict and often narrow-minded format, Sexsmith wrote in his submission. It would be great for Toronto residents to experience a truly non-for-profit station... for a change.

Added Wiseman: Many people claim to represent the spirit of independent voices [on the radio] but much of that is hollow.
(via Jan CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

NEW STATIONS GRANTED: 1280, ON, Toronto College. 99 watts. Variety.
Ryerson University. THE SCOPE (Canadian news by Dan Sys, IRCA DX

Monitor Jan 10 via DXLD)

Is that all? Rather like the old airport info station here amounting to a TIS (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CANADA. This might be of interest as it will affect TV DXing:

<http://blog.fagstein.com/2014/12/19/industry-canada-puts-moratorium-on-new-tv-transmitters-as-it-considers-slashing-its-spectrum-in-half>

Some of the comments are interesting, as well, particularly regarding the installation and use of OTA TV antennas. 73s (Bernhard Jatzeck VA6BMJ @ D033FL, Jan 11; also via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fagstein blog an excellent source for Canadian media news (gh, ibid.)

** CHILE. 7550-AM, RCW, 11/01 0450 UT. Programa 'Frecuencia al día' producido por Dino Bloise. La grabación es parte del informe de Ruben W. Suarez realizado para el programa:
<https://soundcloud.com/claudio-radioham-dx/7550-khz-rcw-11-01-2015-0453>
SINPO: 35323 (Claudio Galaz, (RX: Golon RX-221 UAR; ANT:Telescópica ; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile), condiglista yg via DXLD)

RCW al aire ahora. Hola amigos: Sorpresivamente me encontré al aire a RCW. Est. tocando música de los años 90's. 73! (Claudio Galaz, Chile, 0332 UT Tue Jan 13, ibid.)

** CHINA. 9999.28, BPM, Xi'an, 1315 Jan 10, pulse time. 73! (Mauro Giroletti, IK2GFT-SWL1510, JRC 525 NRD-LOWE HF 150-Elad FDM S2, Antenna LOOP ALA100M-FLAG Antenna West direction, Filter PAR Electronics --- BCST-LPF; Lat. 45.25.00, Long. 9.7.00 - Locator grid Jn 45 Nk, bclnews.it yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD) So much for ``standard frequency``; See also BRAZIL (gh, ibid.)

** CHINA. FYI - The following studio quality Firedrake music jamming provided by Keith Perron. Firedrake Jamming from China
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HAKlWeamTEE>
(Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

And if you are in the need for even more of a Firedrake fix then here is a link to the audio taken straight off the China National Radio audio link circuits together with a second track which is an interview discussing the jammer.

Firedrake Keeps Us Safe [With a great poster illustration]

The Chinese Firedrake Jammer is a powerful transmitter that hijacks

the frequencies of radio stations that China wishes to block.
Firedrake broadcasts ...
<https://soundcloud.com/mediaexplorer/sets/firedrake-keeps-us-safe>

Also you can read the history of how the feed audio was found here:
<http://satdirectory.com/firedrake.html>
Cheers, (Mark Fahey, Sydney, Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As 'drake' [pronounced drark-eh] means 'dragon' in both Swedish & Norwegian I've long assumed that the 'firedrake' term probably came about as the result of a linguistic misunderstanding somewhere down the line. 'Dragon' makes more sense than poultry, especially in proximity to fire and with the Chinese connection! (David Kernick, Jan 11, *ibid.*)

FIRE Drake = FIRE DRAGON, makes perfect sense as the Chinese instrumental music being played reminds me of the Chinese New Years music where with the dragon in the parade (Steven Wiseblood, *ibid.*)

I agree; tho ``Firedrake`` is entrenched, shall we now start calling it only Firedragon and see if that catch on? Would the ChiCom care or even approve? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 11530, Jan 9 at 0120, CNR1 with sounders, Chinese, fair with flutter, jammer? Of course: Aoki shows vs 0.1 kW Sound of Hope from Taiwan, any time between 2110 and 1650.

6075+, Jan 10 at 1415, CNR1 jammer // 6145, and a het less than 1 kHz on the hi side. Aoki shows RTI in Chinese from Kouhu site at 14-17 is of course *jammed. Likely it's TAIWAN which is typically off-frequency, just making matters worse. But the ChiCom also have to jam one of their own broadcasts to accomplish this, 1400-1557, CRI Urdu via Kashgar, hee hee.

15745, Jan 12 at 1445, CNR1 jammer, poor-fair: vs. VOA Tibetan via Thailand during this hour only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHINA vs USA (non), CNR-1 jamming vs Voice of America
1400-1500 on 15745 UDO 250 kW / 316 deg to CeAs Tibetan, very strong
1400-1500 on 17585 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg to CeAs Tibetan, very weak
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/cnr-1-jamming-vs-voice-of-america.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, 1231 UT Jan 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

Date? Presumably Jan 13 as posted less than 24 hours later (gh)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait with "Focus on China," 1500-1530, Jan 10; Saturday only program in English; news with IDs between each item

("You are now listening to Focus on China, the Voice of Strait broadcast station"); Bank of China activities in South Korea, etc.; 1530 ID "This is the Voice of Taiwan Strait News Radio"; fair.

Jan 12 with two unusual receptions:

4990, PBS Hunan. Daily checking for AIR Itanagar, but recently nothing at all heard here, so today at 1343 surprised to find a decent signal from Hunan; playing Chinese opera music/songs; 1358 pips/time check and back to opera singing; checked 5000 for time, so yes, their TC off by a full two minutes.

4990, PBS Hunan, heard again Jan 13 at 1511 with almost fair reception; series of ads in Chinese; they must have improved their transmitter, as yesterday was the first time I had heard them in a long time. Whenever AIR Itanagar returns to this frequency, they will be difficult to hear.

5010 (anomaly frequency), Beibu Bay Radio (BBR), 1320 Jan 12 found here, with nothing on their normal 5050; I last heard BBR on 5010 back on May 5, 2010; start of their daily English/Chinese segment; "Are you ready? Hi everyone. This is Beibu Bay Radio"; seemed to say "from Nanning, China." This brief English segment is a regular feature now; normally starts between 1317 to 1320. Jan 9, on 5050, at 1318 with "Box Office Charts" about which movies are currently making a lot of money ("The Hobbit - The Battle of the Five Armies," "The Interview," etc.)

5050, Beibu Bay Radio (BBR) at 1435, on Jan 13, returned to their normal frequency, after yesterday one day only on 5010; QRM today from AIR Aizawl (too bad they were not on yesterday when this frequency was clear!); later covered by strong OTH radar at BBR sign off at 1601*, leaving AIR and OTH radar mixing together (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6200, Xizang with fair signal from just after 1200 on Nov 6, will watch this frequency for Jinling at bottom of hour. Have finally remembered to watch for that, in time to act on the idea.

6200, Jinling abruptly on at 1232 on Nov 6 with huge signal. Then off after 10 seconds. Then back in 10 seconds and staying on. Morning news program hosted by YL with jazzy music bridges, remote reports. Excellent signal! So, they still sign on the same way -- throw the switch, check, shut down, and then take the air for good next.

Should mention, Xizang is still there, weaker, until blotted out by Jinling. And when Jinling is doing their on/off deal, Xizang keeps

getting revealed, momentarily. Most fun logging in a while -- Jinling program with this hyper YL and the continuous music bridging in and out, etc., is wild stuff! (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Noteboo, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** CHINA. LOGS 2/1/15, 13582! CRI 1125 talks in Cantonese, mentioning Hong Kong etc marginal 73 Zack (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, receiver De1103 and 8m, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

I assume the ! is to assure us that 13582 is not a typo --- this would be the second recent instance of a CRI split frequency; what's going on? Registered as Kunming site on 13580 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 11960, Jan 11 at 0157, nice romantic song, fair with flutter, 0157 Chinese announcement in CNR1 declamatory style. Yes, Aoki shows the only 11960 station anywhere, anywhen is CNR1, 100 kW, 37 degrees USward from Beijing 572 site at 00-09 except the Tuesday siesta after 06.

15160, Jan 11 at 0213, vocal music with poor signal, not Spain which is long gone, and not Australia which has wisely shifted to 15150 for this season, // 17840, since it's CRI Chinese now on 15160 per Aoki, 500 kW, 59 degrees from Jinhua 831 site also rather USward. At 0225 announcement and romantic song, fair with slow fades; 0230 sharp break for announcements, ads? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 15710, Nice Chinese folk music, scheduled CNR 6th service in Hakka language from Beijing site #491. Scheduled at 0500-0857 UT. (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) (circa 0800 UT Jan 10, Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Some changes of China National Radio:

0000-1200	11630	LIN	100 kW	/	286 deg	CHN	Kazakh	CNR-17,	ex	CNR-1/CNR-8
0000-1200	12055	LIN	100 kW	/	298 deg	CHN	Kazakh	CNR-17,	ex	CNR-1/CNR-8
0600-1500	5975	BEI	100 kW	/	063 deg	CHN	Korean	CNR-8,	new	additional
0600-1500	9785	BEI	100 kW	/	063 deg	CHN	Korean	CNR-8,	new	additional
1200-1800	6180	LIN	100 kW	/	286 deg	CHN	Kazakh	CNR-17,	ex	CNR-1/CNR-8
1200-1800	9630	LIN	100 kW	/	298 deg	CHN	Kazakh	CNR-17,	ex	CNR-1/CNR-8
2100-0600	9610	BEI	100 kW	/	015 deg	CHN	Mongolian	CNR-8,	new	add'l
2100-0600	11810	BEI	100 kW	/	015 deg	CHN	Mongolian	CNR-8,	new	add'l

0000-1200	11630	LIN	100 kW	/	286 deg	CHN	Chi/Kaz	CNR-1/CNR-8,	deleted
0200-1200	12055	LIN	100 kW	/	298 deg	CHN	Chi/Kaz	CNR-1/CNR-8,	deleted
2030-2400	6180	LIN	100 kW	/	286 deg	CHN	Chi/Kaz	CNR-1/CNR-8,	deleted
2030-0200	9455	LIN	100 kW	/	298 deg	CHN	Chi/Kaz	CNR-1/CNR-8,	deleted
0400-0500	9440	BEI	100 kW	/	063 deg	CHN	Korean	CNR-8,	deleted
0400-0500	9610	BEI	100 kW	/	063 deg	CHN	Korean	CNR-8,	deleted

0600-0700 9440 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 0600-0700 9610 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 1000-1100 7360 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 1000-1100 7410 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 1100-1200 6020 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 1400-1700 7445 BEI 100 kW / 283 deg CHN Kazakh CNR-8, deleted
 1400-1700 9645 BEI 100 kW / 283 deg CHN Kazakh CNR-8, deleted
 1500-1700 6145 LIN 100 kW / 286 deg CHN Kazakh CNR-8, deleted
 2100-2300 5955 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 2100-2300 5975 BEI 100 kW / 063 deg CHN Korean CNR-8, deleted
 (DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015
 via DXLD)

** CHINA. Many countries lease HF airtime. China has decided to get on the bandwagon. This will not be done through CRI, but instead through the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television. I'm just wondering how they will deal with the censorship issue. Mind you if there is money involved they might turn a blind eye (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Jan 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is ambiguous --- at first I thought you meant CRI being relayed from other countries, but they are already doing that by some kind of arrangements if not leasing.

So I guess you mean China will allow some foreign stations to be relayed by SW transmitters in China. Spain had an exchange deal but that was about it until REE almost self-destructed. Which countries will be eligible, ineligible? (Glenn Hauser, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1756)

They had to deal with the issue of potentially "evil" broadcasts under the now gone airtime exchange arrangements as well. As well known the approach they chose was to strictly allow foreign language programming only. It could get interesting if SARFT goes really go ahead with this and chooses an aggressive price policy, drawing business away from the existing providers of this niche service (Kai Ludwig, Germany, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's what I find odd about it. Considering that censorship under Xi Jinping has increased, I'm not sure how they will handle this. Mind you, they might be banking on the idea that some pro-China groups will be interested in time. At the moment some have content that airs domestically on CRI's domestic services. I remember 10 years ago some of this programming (Keith Perron, Taiwan, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 6010.160, HJDH, La Voz de tu Conciencia,

Lomalinda, Puerto Lleras, Meta. Nice male boys singer chorus, of Latin American music, only S=7 -75dBm strength, hit heavily by BBCWS from Ascension Island relay, latter about US CIA feature.

Co-channel tiny weak signal on 6010.044 kHz, R·dio Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG (Wolfgang B·schel, Jan 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD) No times, but the precise frequencies may be of help (gh)

** CONGO DR. 5066.335, Radio CANDIP Bunia, weak S=6 in southern Germany, at 1810 UT on Jan 6. 5066.329 at 1725 UT on Jan 12 (Wolfgang B·schel, Germany, BC-DX 113 Jan via DXLD)

** CUBA. 4765, Jan 9 at 0135, 0149, 0203 chex, R. Progreso is still AWOL, and RHC still hasn't shown up on 3365. A search of Progreso website <http://www.radioprogreso.icrt.cu> finds nothing about 4765, but then there is nothing about their multiple MW frequencies either (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 13 heard R. Progreso back on 4765 at 0228, with Progreso having the primary/strong audio, but also heard secondary audio underneath (weak), which also seemed to be in Spanish; 0229 ID and time check (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765, Jan 14 at 0222, R. Progreso is back on after a silent period; first returned Jan 13 per Ron Howard when I was not monitoring. Not hearing any secondary audio now, but it is somewhat distorted, which was not the case before the crash. Still no 3365 yet from RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5890, Jan 9 at 0124, pulse jamming against nothing --- it's a few years since VOA Spanish was here, but the Dentro Cuban Jamming Command keeps on it anyway; this is before WWCR comes up with Brother Scare.

Exactly same pitch and type of irregularly-spaced pulses on 5955, but not synchronized. In that case it's against a long-gone R. Rep'blica transmitter in Costa Rica (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also UNID 7365 & 7405

** CUBA. 11670, Jan 9 at 0118, RHC Spanish has VG signal but just barely modulated and somewhat distorted/suppressed, unlike // 11760.

6165, Jan 9 at 0126, RHC English is instead open carrier/dead air, while // 6000 is OK. This causes much weaker leapfrog mixing product 6270 temporarily to be in Spanish only from its 6060 component. By next check at 0414, modulation on 6165 has resumed.

9710, Jan 9 at 0613, surprised to find RHC still going here in Spanish after nominal 0600*; seemingly live program, but hardly, at 1+ am local, giving Habana studio phone number for callers: 874-26-19. Usual lo-fi audio on this transmitter, and slightly distorted. Show name as 'Revista Informativa de la Noche', i.e. originally of early evening, then 'EfemÉrides' segment for 8 de enero, Cuban historical events, namely in 1881, JosÉ Martí departed Nueva York for a 12-day voyage to ---- at which point the slopperator at RadioCuba turns off the modulation and a few seconds later the transmitter too at 0615*

17730, Jan 10 at 1422, RHC is back on here after missing a few days, with some hum.

6165, Jan 11 at 0659 just as I tune in RHC, English program intro is abruptly cut to Spanish historical promo past 0700, and same on 6060, 6000 briefly, while 5040 is open carrier. Last to go off is 6000 at 0703*.

Meanwhile, at 0701, only 6100 is starting the weekly Esperanto broadcast as scheduled.

11860, Jan 13 at 1508, open carrier/dead air from RHC, while still modulating on 11760, and 11950 is already off. At 1509, 11860 is turned off too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. RADIO AND TV MARTÍ HAVE ROLES TO PLAY AS CUBA ENTERS A NEW ERA --- By A. Ross Johnson and S. Enders Wimbush

A. Ross Johnson, a fellow at the Wilson Center and the Hoover Institution, was director of Radio Free Europe from 1988 to 1991. S. Enders Wimbush was director of Radio Liberty from 1987 to 1993 and a member of the U.S. Broadcasting Board of Governors from 2010 to 2012.

When the Berlin Wall came down, Eastern Europe liberated itself and the Soviet Union collapsed, the role of U.S. international broadcasting was universally recognized. In the wake of these world-changing events, Vaclav Havel, Lech Walesa, Boris Yeltsin and other new leaders insisted that Radio Free Europe (RFE), Radio Liberty (RL) and the Voice of America were central to the peaceful democratic transitions in their countries. Western broadcasts provided essential information to all those dedicated to change and helped accelerate that change. Cuba is approaching such a moment, and once again the United States has a powerful instrument in place to help shape the outcome.

Miami-based Radio and TV Martí was established in 1984 on the model of RFE and RL as a "surrogate" broadcaster to provide accurate information about developments in Cuba and the world otherwise denied

to Cubans. The RFE/RL experience suggests that Martí's role will become more important as diplomatic relations with Cuba are restored and cultural, educational and economic ties with the United States expand. With domestic media still tightly controlled, Cubans will turn to Martí for information on civil society, human rights protests, local opposition blogs, travel rules, economic developments, controversy within the regime -- in short, for all domestic news and with a focus on voices from Cuba about Cuba.

This comprehensive surrogate media role will not be performed by CNN or other commercial media. Nor should it be viewed -- as some U.S. diplomats have viewed RFE and RL from time to time -- as an irritant to improved state-to-state ties. One day, when Cuba is as free and democratic as the former communist countries of Eastern Europe with their own thriving free media, Martí will not be needed. Until then, it can play a key role in fostering peaceful democratic transition in Cuba.

Martí has impact. Once derided for its unsuccessful efforts to telecast from an airplane flying just beyond Cuban airspace, TV Martí grounded that plane in May 2013. Its programs are now carried 24/7 on Hispasat satellite TV and on DirecTV, which penetrate not just Cuba but most of Latin America. Martí distributes both DVDs -- 59,000 in 2014, and currently about 15,000 per month -- and flash drives containing its radio and TV programs throughout Cuba, where they are copied and distributed by volunteer networks of activists, journalists, bloggers, members of opposition political parties and churches. Martí launched Reporta Cuba in May as a social platform that collects complaints and other information through dozens of citizen reporters across the island. And every day, Martí airs video packages produced on the island itself by independent video journalists denied access to Cuban media.

Martí also reaches Cubans on the Internet, almost nonexistent in Cuba only a few years ago. On the day President Obama announced his intention to reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba, more than 27,000 visitors visited martinoticias.com for news, analysis and context. The president's speech was broadcast live with simultaneous translation, and when prisoner Alan Gross landed on U.S. soil, his news conference was carried live to Cuba on Martí's broadcast and Internet channels.

Martí programming is classic surrogate fare -- information Cuban media would carry if it were free. Martí reports on the Cuban economy, including corruption, are among the only objective assessments anywhere. Martí provides extensive coverage of women's issues, and it covers Cuba's public health challenges. It devotes continual attention to the activities of dissidents and human rights advocates -- such as

the famous Ladies in White. News of its hemisphere -- for example, protests in Venezuela -- is a daily offering, and its special programming on media and a free press is extremely popular.

An indicator of Martí's effectiveness is the efforts by the Cuban regime to block its programs. The regime continues to jam Martí radio broadcasts with some success, especially in Havana. But Martí has countered by buying time on commercial stations in Miami whose signals reach the island successfully. The regime also attempts to prevent access to the Martí Web site, which the Martí leadership circumvents by providing proxy servers.

No one should assume that Obama's overture to Raul Castro will result soon in a free press, any more than were Mikhail Gorbachev or Wojciech Jaruzelski ready to relax their control of Soviet and Polish media until domestic pressure forced them to do so. We should expect the Castro regime to fight tooth and nail to prevent media freedom, and it is likely that the regime will intensify measures to derail Radio and TV Martí as the broadcaster informs Cubans about the deepening crisis of the current system. Again, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty are precedents. Attacked and vilified by flailing regimes (Jaruzelski constantly complained to the U.S. Embassy about RFE Polish broadcasts), the Radio Frees doubled down and fulfilled their historic role.

Post-communist transitions may be protracted and suffer reversals. But we know from our experience on the front lines of U.S. international broadcasting that unforeseen events can enhance the role of surrogate free media and accelerate change. Obama's decision to reestablish diplomatic ties with Cuba, regardless of whether it is followed by liberalization or more repression, is likely to be this kind of game-changer for Martí. This is the moment for which Radio and TV Martí were created. The White House and Congress should make available the resources necessary for Martí to provide Cubans with information that will help them gain their freedom.

Read more about this topic: The Post's View: On to Havana The Post's View: Cuba continues to crack down on free speech Jackson Diehl: Obama's faulty logic on Cuba (c) The Washington Post Company (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** CZECHIA. Czech Republic. Received an e-QSL from pirate radio station from Czech Radio Bila Hora, 31.12.2014 for acceptance at a frequency of 3333 kHz. The report sent: rbh @ email.cz (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX Jan 11 via DXLD)

3333???? Other reports put it almost on 3335, confundible with PNG (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA [non log]. 4319-USB, AFN. On Jan 13, at 1447 found the absence of the usual heavy QRM, so I should have been able to hear AFN if they were broadcasting, but they must have been off the air. My local sunrise was at 1519 UT. AFN Guam remains silent on both of their frequencies, as it has been for a long time now. Is any AFN on SW being heard by anyone? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DODECANESE ISLANDS. Rhodes MW transmitter looted [1260 kHz] Most powerful Greek Radio transmitter looted by burglars after having been abandoned: See GREECE

** ECUADOR [non]. Hoje recebi uma confirmação, o QSL bem interessante. Recebi um cartão, o QSL eletrônico (eQSL) da Radio Akhbar Mufriha, ouvida nos 7.300 kHz, via relay Woofferton/Inglaterra. Vejam a mensagem que veio no e-mail recebido da Radio Akhbar Mufriha:

``Dear Rubens, Thank you for your reception report. According to your brief recording our signal was pretty bad in your place... Fortunately, it was much better at our monitor station in North Africa.

Normally, we require more details of our broadcast to be able to confirm reception. Or, alternatively, at least 3 brief recordings of our programme (from the beginning, the middle and the end).

Just FYI. The section you were listening to was in Arabic. Only the first 15 minutes of our broadcast are in Tashelhayt Berber.

I attach our digital QSL card. I'm afraid we do not send out any via snail mail. A Happy New Year to you as well! :-)

Daniel Berger, Secretary``

A imagem está em meu blog: <http://www.dxreunion-br.blogspot.com.br>

OC, 7300, Radio Akhbar Mufriha - Relay Woofferton - G - Recebido eQSL com todos os dados confirmatórios. 7 dias. Informe enviado para o e-mail: email@akhbarmufriha.com

Outro e-mail da emissora É: akhbarmufriha@outlook.com

O site da emissora É: <http://www.akhbarmufriha.com>

O QTH: L'Ami Média, Akhbar Mufriha - BP 337 - 75868 Paris Cedex 18 - France - RFP 73! (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso - PY5-007SWL.Bandeirantes - PR, Jan 9, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Rubens, Estas são as escutas que carregam em si um sabor mais do que especial. Algo pesquisado, buscado. Também confirmei esta estação,

recentemente, o V/S (Daniel Berger) entrou em contato comigo depois em paralelo para outros assuntos, e até o presente momento estamos trocando e-mails sobre rádio e assuntos diversos. Legal! 73, (Rudolf Grimm, São Bernardo SP, ibid.)

UK, 7300, From Babcock site at Woofferton-UK comes the Arabic world broadcaster Reach Beyond, HCJB Radio Akhbar Mufriha. S=9+20dB signal on NY / Boston Massachusetts network remote units. In 2100-2145 in Tachelhit Maghreb language, and Sahel Arabic language (Wolfgang Benschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 12080, 12/19 0150, R. Cairo, Abu Zaabal, in Spanish; News; many problems in this transmission; good signal but very poor modulation; the transmitter is down; 45441 (J Ronaldo Xavier, JRX Logs December 1-29, 2014. Receivers: Degen 1103, Tecsun S-2000. Antenna: Longwire. Location: Cabedelo, Paraíba, Brazil, HCDX via DXLD)

12035, Jan 9 at 0116, R. Cairo, poor with flutter and JBM during scheduled Spanish. Nothing on 12080 --- both frequencies have been heard on different dates in the B-14 season, but registrations are not identical: both Abis, at 282 and 241 degrees respectively.

9860.0, Jan 9 at 0120, presumed Cairo Spanish, JBA and JBM

9965.0, Jan 9 at 0120, R. Cairo Arabic, fair with flutter, whine

9965+, Jan 11 at 0200, R. Cairo is very poor, presumably Arabic; 9905 is very poor, dead air? 9860.0 is poor and JBM, presumably English. Same English sesquihour to us should be played with improved audibility on Global 24, 9395, later Sunday at 1300-1420.

9965.0, Jan 14 at 0212, R. Cairo in Arabic, good with flutter, but somewhat distorted; not off-frequency

9905+, Jan 14 at 0213, R. Cairo, other Arabic service is dead air, good level with flutter and slightly on hi side

9860.0, Jan 14 at 0214, R. Cairo, poor with flutter, just barely modulated music during presumed English. Not off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. 15190, Radio Africa via WRMI Radio Miami International (presumed); 2150-2206+, 5-Jan; "The Sheep of Abraham radio broadcast" with shouting English huxtress. Program close at 2202:37, right into an old Green Hornet episode. No ToH break or ID. SIO=454- till about 2257, then noticeable dropoff (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real

time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. ROMANIA, Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti and Radio Santec via RADIOCAM: Radio Warra Wangeelaa-ti, Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe:

1500-1530 on 15515 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg to EaAf Oromo Sat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcVBfNRYAjc&feature=youtu.be>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

** EUROPE. Very little pirate activity noted here in the past week. Band is shutting down shortly after sunset. PIRATES-EURO:

Borderhunter Radio, 6290 AM, 0045-0119+, 01-04-15, SI0: 343. Talk by OM in English, mentioning he listens to Allan Weiner Worldwide on WBCQ. Gave ID/email "borderhunterrado@hotmail.com [Lobdell-MA]

Abu Dhabi-Holland, 6295 AM, 0005-0025, 01-11-15. Talk by OM announcer, ID 0006, music. Rough copy. Gone by 0025 (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter Dipole, G5RV dipole, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. Finnish SW transmitter Info:

<http://www.dxing.info/community/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=2538>

The above contribution from Dan Goldfarb

(Ian, shortwavesites yg via DXLD) Viz.:

Finnish Transmitter sites

Moderator: Martin Elbe

2 posts i Page 1 of 1

Postby Matti Ponkamo ^ Mon Sep 15, 2008 0637 UTC

I received this request personally. As I have little knowledge upon the matter, I put it here:

Sent at: Sun Sep 14, 2008 1854 U

From: Matthew Parij --- To: Matti Ponkamo

Whatever happened to the 1 kW shortwave transmitter at the Lahti site that they got in 1938 with call letters OF/OI?

Whatever happened to the 15 kW shortwave transmitter that the engineers made themselves at the Pori I site that they got in 1947 with call letters OIX?

Whatever happened to the Marconi 100 kW shortwave transmitter at the Pori I site that they got in 1947 with call letters OIX? (Matti Ponkamo, OH1GPU - Icom IC-718, Drake R4-C, Kenwood TH-F7, 20m Dipole)

Postby Juhani E Niinist^a Mon Dec 29, 2014 0150 UT:

The 15 kW transmitters at the old Pori site served until the closing of the site in 1987 and were scrapped thereafter. There were actually three of them, one was deactivated in 1977 as space was required for a new 250 kW tr, the remaining two - on 6120 kHz and 11755 kHz - remained in use until 1987. The 100 kW Marconi was also scrapped after 1987. As for the Lahti 1 kW, I do not think it ever was transferred to Pori - but probably was broken up somewhere. A separate 1 kW was used in Pori in the early 80s on 21000 kHz, but that was a new construction (Dxing.info forum via DXLD)

** FRANCE. QSL: 15275, Deutsche Welle, French to West Africa via Issoudun. Full data (with site) Sines/Portugal antenna and satellite array / studio QSL card, all inside a igoodieî package which included tote bag, pens, decals, etc. Reply in 23 days for a French postal report to Bonn. V/S: Horst Scholz (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. Cancelled SW transmissions of RFI from Jan 1:
1430-1500 on 13690 ISS 500 kW / 084 deg to WeAs Persian
1430-1500 on 15395 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs Persian
1500-1600 on 11850 ISS 500 kW / 065 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
1500-1600 on 15360 MEY 250 kW / 007 deg to EaAf Swahili
1600-1700 on 11860 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian
1600-1700 on 13730 ISS 500 kW / 080 deg to CeAs Russian
1700-1800 on 11955 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs Persian
1900-2000 on 5895 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to EaEu Russian
1900-2000 on 9840 ISS 500 kW / 080 deg to CeAs Russian
Several my videos from late November and December 2014:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/cancelled-sw-transmissions-of-rfi-rti.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. (9395), Jan 8 at 0600 I make a point of monitoring R. France International at the first English opportunity on SW following the terrorist attack on Charlie Hebdo which was about 18 hours earlier --- but RFI has no commitment to 24-hour service in French, much less English. Tnx anyway to Global 24 for relaying this hour, but 9395 is inaudible tonight beyond a JBA carrier with K-index of 4, so back to its webcast.

Axually I tuned in a few minutes before 0600 and may have been RFI already instead of Vatican, but that station also about Topic-A did not get a chance to ID before the G24 TOH break. This was indeed the main story during the first 20 minutes or RFI before straying into

stupid ballgames and stuff about Africa, but I'm afraid I didn't learn anything new, after a full day of wall-to-wall coverage on US cable TV news networks (not that I watched all of that, but every time I checked, NOTHING ELSE MATTERED, anywhere in the world.)

[Also, I am appalled by the gross ignorance of basic French language some US reporters and anchors, even sporting PhD's, revealed when suddenly called upon to pronounce words like:

FranÁois, as in Hollande, turning him into a YL: ``FranÁoise`` heard more than once

Reims: ``Reems``??

Hebdo: ``Hedbo``, or ``Hebdoo``]

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. On Jan 9 no signal of RFI via Issoudun in other languages, except in French, e.g. 1430-1500 in Farsi on 13690, 15395 and 1500-1600 in Vietnamese on 11850 but 1500-1600 in Swahili on 15360 Meyerton is on air. RFI via Issoudun at 1600 Russian on 11860, 13730 both off, but 15300 Hausa on 15300 is on air. B-14 schedule is here <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/11/radio-france-internationale.html> -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 9, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No Russian at 1900 on 5895 either, to mention a signal that would under any circumstances be audible in eastern Germany. So it indeed appears that RFI has taken Russian and Persian off shortwave.

It would not hurt to check the RFI transmissions via Taiwan, although the airtime exchange in principle still exists. At least RTI English 1800-1900 on 3965 was on air tonight, with a prolonged loss of program audio that made me already wonder if perhaps a termination has not been properly communicated and thus a dead carrier still put on.

And this all does not even appear to be internally communicated so far. At least the missing shortwave outlets for Russian are still shown at <http://ru.rfi.fr/obshchii/20100205-chastoty/> (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 9, ibid.) See also TAIWAN

Yes, no Russian 1900 on 5895 and 9840 ISS;
Also no Farsi at 1700 on 11955 ISS. Probably temporarily or forever.
Portuguese at 1700 on 9755 and 1900 on 6180 is on air
French at 1900 on 9830 MEY, 9790 and 11995 ISS are on air
(Ivo, Jan 9, ibid.)

Hello Ivo, Kai and group, RFI confirmed abandoning shortwave for Russian service effective Jan 2. The info was found in the station's club in vk.com social network, see comments to the following posting:

https://vk.com/wall-28610531_4009

Ramon in the NoticiasDX group reported recently that RTI Spanish service relays via Issoudun (2000-2055 3965 kHz, 0200-0255 9730 kHz) will stop on March 29 due to cancellation of RTI-RFI collaboration. That has been announced in RTI broadcast. 73, (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan / RUSSIA, Jan 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cancelled shortwave transmissions of RFI from Jan 1:
Several my videos from late November & December 2014
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/cancelled-sw-transmissions-of-rfi-rti.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

Persian, Russian, Vietnamese; also pending from March 28, Taiwan via France, English, Spanish, German, Russian, French (gh, DXLD)

7390, Jan 8 at 0639, RFI in French is below a stronger open carrier, making fast SAH. I wish some Europeans or at least Eastern Hemispherians would check this out, as I have had two carriers on here before, my hypothesis being that Issoudun is messing up, leaving a second transmitter on the frequency, QRMing itself. Or Albania, not supposed to be on 7390 until 0800?

7390, Jan 13 at 0648, once again RFI in French is beneath a stronger unmodulated carrier far enough away to cause a fast SAH. Is it another Issoudun transmitter? Albania fired up early? Or maybe a closer utility in what is really a fixed band? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Just got info from NDR that they will shut down their MW transmitters tomorrow 13. Jan at 0900 LT. So grab a remote Rx nearby :-) (Jurgen Bartels, Suellwarden, N. Germany, mwdx yg via DXLD)

NDR shutdown spectrum recording available --- For all who missed it: This is the recording of the MW shutdown of NDR at 0800z this morning 702 / 792 / 828 / 972 kHz
http://dx.3sdesign.de/iq-files/IF972-150113-0800_NDR-shutdown.ape
(Jurgen Bartels Suellwarden, N. Germany, Jan 13, ibid. WORLD OF RADIO 1756)

** GERMANY. DX / Media Programs on Hamburger Lokalradio --- Hello Glenn, Here are some additional entries for your list of DX/SWL/Media Programs.

UT Saturday
1300-1400 Hamburger Lokalradio: Chelmsford Calling World Service
(monthly, third Saturday [Jan 17, Feb & Mar 21]) - 7265

1500-1530 Hamburger Lokalradio: Media Network Plus - 7265

Slots for World of Radio stay the same [Sat & Wed 0730 & 1530]

Slots (in UT) will be shifted one hour earlier during summer broadcasting period. Allbest, (Thomas V`lkner, Germany, Jan 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Hi All, I came across this by accident; Free Radio fans might want to make a note of the date and time for this one:

The NEW return of Radio Spaceshuttle. We have found a new station which starts to relay Radio Spaceshuttle's programmes. The big day is 17th January 2015, when Spaceshuttle transmits on 6070 kHz [Sat] from 14 hours UTC-time! Please visit Channel 292's web pages and their info there! CHANNEL 292, 6070 kHz! More info here:

<http://spaceshuttleradio.freesevers.com/>
(via Alan Gale, UK, Jan 10, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Dear listeners, ladies and gentle men, Good news from Spaceship! We shall have opportunity to a rocket-fly and test of our new frequency during coming Saturday. So Spaceshuttle will be on air:

6070 kHz, 17th January 2015, 1400-1600 UT. Wishing to have good propagation during tests. Please join with us and send your reception reports to:

Radio Spaceshuttle International
P.O.Box 2702
NL- 6049 ZG Herten
The Netherlands

Please enclose at least 2 Euros for return postage (not any NL-stamps please!) We shall verify all correct reports came to our Box with our printed full detailed QSL-cards (transmitting place, power, etc.). After tests we would like to start a regular transmissionservice (at least once a month) having different musicthemes and also listeners feedback-programe.

All other correspondence goes fine through our e-mail-addresses (quick info, all comments and requests!) Please e-mail whenever you like!
spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com
radiospaceshuttle@hotmail.com

With Best Regards! Dick and Spacerladies, Radio Spaceshuttle
"The only flying Spaceshuttle left - living Radio History"
(via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Channel 292 relays in coming weekends from January 17 till March 15:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/channel-292-relays-in-coming-weekends.html>

Further info here:

<http://www.channel292.de/schedule-for-bookings/>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Saturday 21 February: Annual SW broadcast of Radio ÷^mrang from Amrum Island, German North Frisian Islands. Tentatively 1600-1659 UTC on 15215 kHz via Nauen in Frisian dialect, German and English. Reception reports for QSLs available by emailing the transmitter operator Media Broadcast: qsl-shortwave@media-broadcast.com (DX Diary, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Assuming to be like last years? But not confirmed. Not (yet?) registered in B-14 HFCC (gh, Jan 13)

** GERMANY. Re Deutsche Wetterdienst SWBC plans:

5905 / 6040 Neuer Sendestandort BRE ? (former Radio Bremen BRE ITU call). Ich bekam diesen Hinweis von dritter Seite. Gesehen habe ich den 'Bremen' Eintrag in der Tabelle vom 18. Dez. 2014.

Eigentlich stand Sendestandort BRE sonst fuer Bremen. Jetzt gelistet von der Netzentur Berlin:

5905 2000-2030 18,27,28 BRE 10kW 0=non-directional, vertical ant ITU#975
6040 0600-0630 and 1200-1230 UTC. daily 29 March - 25 October 2015.
Wer geht denn da Neues auf Sendung? Siehe Tonfolge Tests above on 5905 and 5990 kHz on Jan 6, 2015 in 49 meterband.

Re: Sendestandort BRE. Nein, Sendeplaene einer staatlichen Organisation oder weitere SWL Hobbyfunker im 49 meterband in den Startloechern sind hier (noch) nicht bekannt.

Der wird wohl aus dem nordwest-deutschen Raum sein ... Die RegTP / jetzt BNA nimmt bei erstmaligen Registrierungen immer gern einen schon in der ITU Liste vermerkten Senderstandort in der Naehue zur Registrierung her, bevor eine neue Hardware Sender Lokation bei der ITU in Genf neu registriert wird.

Rohrbach Waal - lief ja zuerst unter BR/IBB Muenchen,
Datteln Ruhrgebiet - lief ja zuerst unter Kall-Eifel.
Kall-Eifel - lief beim Start zuerst unter DWL Juelich Standort.

Die sehr kurzen registrierten Sendezeiten von 30 Minuten verwundern mich.

Soll das mal ein Seewetterbericht vom DWD Pinneberg fuer die Kleinschiffe im Nordatlantik sein, 3 x am Tag, wenn demnaechst nach der DLR Langwelle Oranienburg Rehmate 177 kHz auch die NDR Hamburg Mittelwelle Moorfleet 972 kHz + low powers etc., und am Ende 2015 auch die DLF DTK M&B Deutsche Funkturm site, Neumuenster Arpsdorf on MW 1269 kHz, screened towards 140degrees, ihren Seewetterdienst fuer immer beenden?

<<http://www.dwd.de/sendepplan>> DWD Pinneberg koennte ja eine AM Mode Uebertragung auf der Kurzwelle im 49 meterband starten?

Der Antennen Code #975 deutet ja nicht gerade auf eine exzellente Technik hin. Vertical monopoles sind gegenueber halbwellen Dipolen / oder corner reflector - doppel dipols 90 Grad versetzt - quadrant Antennen, immer die zweitbeste Loesung. Mit dem Vertikaldipol im 49 m-Band wird es aufgrund der Flachstrahlung eine gro+e tote Zone geben - schaetze das wird >800 km. Ich stelle ich mir vor, was dann der Vertikaldipol die DX-Antenne "abliefern". Ich vermute diese Technik "schießt" haarscharf am Ziel vorbei.

Vertical monopoles. Designation: VM h/as/N/d
h = height of monopole in meters
as earth system radius in meters
N = number of radial wires in the earth system
d = diameter of the radial wires in millimeter
When no earth system as, N and d are set to zero.

Antenna Code
Antenna Definition
975
VM8/8/120/3

976
VM12.5/12.5/120/3
(Wolfgang B,schel, Dec 18, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD)

Hallo Christian, hast Du einen Einblick auf die ITU / HFCC Datenfiles Datenbank entries fuer die A-15 Saison? Welchen Status und welcher Zweck steht hinter dieser 3 x 30 Minuten Aussendung?

Wird das ein AM Seewetterbericht fuer die nicht so modern ausgeruesteten Schiffe in Nordsee und Ostsee, plus noerdlicher Atlantik?, wenn die LW 177 kHz, MW 972 kHz, sowie demnaechst auch die Mittelwelle Neumuenster Arpsdorf 1269 kHz ihren Betrieb in Gaenze einstellen ? - gruss wolfgang (wb, Jan 10, ibid.)

Hallo Wolfgang, da muesste ich auch bei der BnetzA in Berlin anfragen, was da geplant ist. Eventuell ist es der Deutsche Wetterdienst in

Pinneberg.

Daniel Kaehler schickte mir folgenden Link:

<<http://www.kn-online.de/Schleswig-Holstein/Aus-dem-Land/Segler-veraergert-NDR-versenkt-Mittelwelle>>

(Christian Milling-D, via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 11)

DWD kannst demnaechst am weissen Strand von Narvik mitschreiben:

5905 2000-2030 18,27,28 BRE 10kW 0=non-directional, vertical ant
ITU#975

6040 0600-0630 and 1200-1230 UTC. daily 29 March - 25 October 2015.

Eine geplante vertikale Monopolantenne ist ja auch nicht der Brueeller,
und kleiner 300-400 km Distanz auch kein gescheiter Empfang zu
erwarten. Ist alles nicht sehr schluessig (Wolfgang Bueschel, df5sx
(Jan 11) (BCDX Jan 13 via DXLD)

GERMAN WEATHER SERVICE (DWD) TO START SHORTWAVE BROADCASTS

Mauno Ritola writes in the WRTH Facebook group 13 January 2015:

According to original info from Wolfgang B,schel in BC-DX and
additional info from German Bundesnetzagentur, German Weather Service
(DWD) will start transmitting weather information for Baltic and North
Sea three times a day in 49 mb from their site in Pinneberg near
Hamburg on 1st April.

Preliminary schedule as follows:

0600-0630 1200-1230 6040 kHz

2000-2030 5905 kHz

<http://www.dwd.de/>

Posted by: (Mike Terry, Jan 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

Has Deutscher Wetterdienst really confirmed upcoming voice
transmissions (rather than just holding frequency allocations now)?

The Kieler Nachrichten article from six days ago says that they
consider it but it remains to be seen if it will really happen.

<http://www.kn-online.de/Schleswig-Holstein/Aus-dem-Land/Segler-veraergert-NDR-versenkt-Mittelwelle>

There could be a legal obstacle: Such transmissions, in particular
with such a frequency use, could be considered broadcasting. Which is
strictly inadmissible for a federal authority. (And broadcasting law
is not the business of Bundesnetzagentur, i.e. they are not the
institution to ask about this.)

At least so far no word about voice at <http://www.dwd.de/sendepplan>

(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. The transmitter on 1512 kHz is silent at the moment, but when it was on the air before 10 December I checked with my loop and rod - it appeared to be from Thessaloniki rather than from Crete, possibly the transmitter formerly on 1044 or 1179 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D & VEF201, Ant Folded Marconi 16m, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Since around Jan 1st, ERE_1st program is not on the air on MW Athens 729 kHz and seems also on \\ 1314 kHz. Same also with Thessaloniki 1512 (it was not Chania but the tx earlier with ERA Sport on MW 981 kHz?). 1260 kHz from Rhodes island for last time was noted on Jan 3rd during some meeting and emotional political or trade union speech heard at 1840 UT on 9420, 9935, 15650, 1260, 1404, 1485 kHz.

Observed Jan 4-8 only with ERE_2nd program, for example on Jan 7 at 1400 UT with pips, old IS of VOGreece and ID "Elliniki Radiophonia ... Ertopen ..." and nx in Greek. On MW 1404 kHz the \\ program began with one minute delay with same above procedure. The private/pirate stations there are already more than 20 on MW range (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Jan 11, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD)

** GREECE. Seesaw --- I've been using a DSP radio lately, the Morphy Richards 27024, which is very finicky to tune but provides a good sound for my kind of shortwave listening. It is convenient for me that Global 24 (9395) [see USA] and the best ERTOpen frequency (9415/9420) are practically adjacent, because in my local evening I can easily switch back and forth between them. As I work at my desk each evening (I'm a university teacher so I do that), I check these two fairly regularly. And as it happens they have similar habits: they come on strong for a night, and then disappear again. Like seesaws.

I am in eastern Newfoundland. I trail a wire out my window for an aerial, connecting it to the MR27024, while the Satellit 750 on the other side of the desk has a wire strewn around my window for an aerial.

ERTOpen has been a favourite of mine since the days before June 2013 when its (funded) parent, ERT, was killed; it had provided great music on a steady signal every evening. At first ERTOpen did, too, but over the past five or six months it has been a catch-as-catch-can thing; some nights it was there but with increasing frequency, on other nights it was not. Recently there has been a lot of hope in Greece that the Syriza party will come to power, now in the election slated for two weeks' time. Syriza has promised to reinstate the ERT and I have noticed (am I imagining?) an increase in the number of evenings ERTOpen is on the air. I keep thinking to myself that morale, which

must have been extremely low among the ERT radio rebels, is picking up.

At this minute, 2315, Global24 9395 is strong with Democracy Now. For the past hour or two, ERT's 9415 and 9935 were carrying an on-again-off-again ERTOpen signal. Until a few minutes ago; right now I am only hearing CRI's Vietnamese service on 9415 and a terrible buzz on 9915. Up and down (Philip Hiscock, NL, Jan 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. 9420, Jan 10 at 0616, ERTOpen, Greek fair with flutter. Haven't noted it in a while with irregular operation. Not heard on 9935, and would not expect anything higher to propagate if on. But Ivo Ivanov in Bulgaria noted at 09-14 this date, 9420 was the only active frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open on 9420 only, 0900-1500 UT time slot Jan 10:
from 0900 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
No signal on other frequencies 9935, 11645, 15630, 15650
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slnjVu2zBiI&feature=youtu.be>

ERT Open on all 3 frequencies 1500-1900 UT time slot Jan 10:
1550 & 1805 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
1550 & 1805 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek
1550 & 1805 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek
All three frequencies are off after around 1900 UTC.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMDbVS108gc&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpvvgvx787eM&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDDM5RzkNVc&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

On Jan 10th at 1900-1915 UT noted three transmitters of ERT-open Avlis on air.

9415.005, Sports news on volleyball and football club news items at 1900.

9934.983, ERT-open, but suffered by own PROPELLER sound, faulty transmitter moving some 2-3 Hertz up and won, on SDR software browser visible up to 17 x peaks each 98 Hertz apart, each sideband.

15630.015, weak tiny signal here in southern Germany, at 1810 UT, but sound fragments heard in \\ to 31 mb outlets (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] 9935, Jan 11 at 0159, Greek music poor but detectable in sideband splash from 9930 WTTW-2 which hasn't quite QSYed yet. // 9420

which is fair-good. Only with BFO can I tell the 9935 is unstable, so I suppose it would be clearly motorboating without the ACI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ERT Open in 1300-1800 UT time slot Jan 11:

1330&1446 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
1330&1446 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek, faulty audio
1330&1446 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek is not on air

from 1600 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
from 1600 on 11645 AVL 100 kW / 182 deg to NoAf Greek, faulty audio
from 1600 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek

from 1700 on 9420 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
from 1700 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, faulty audio
from 1700 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek

from 1746 on 9415 AVL 170 kW / 323 deg to WeEu Greek
from 1746 on 9935 AVL 100 kW / 285 deg to WeEu Greek, faulty audio
from 1746 on 15630 AVL 100 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Greek

All three frequencies are off after around 1900 UT.

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-in-1300-1800-ut-time-slot-jan11.html>

ERT Open 0530-1830 UT time Jan.12 on 9415,9935,15630.

ERT Open 0530-1030 UT time Jan.13 on 9415,9935, and 15630 is off.

(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

All three frequencies are off after around 1900 UTC.

On Jan 12 at 0530, 0700 and 0830 on 9415, 9935, 15630

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/ert-open-in-1300-1800-ut-time-slot-jan11.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

ERT Open, 9935, 1/11/15, heard at 2139 UT with orchestral music selections; a fair signal with humming modulation; ID by female at 2200 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Jan 13 heard Greek music on 9415 (fair-good) // 9935 (audio much better than heard recently), at 0155 and subsequent check at 0304. Recently during this time period had been on 9420, as you heard (Ron Howard, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9415, Jan 13 at 0641, ERTOpen in Greek, good with flutter, // 9935, poor with flutter. 9415, Jan 14 at 0211, ERTOpen with good signal in Greek // weaker 9935 but at least it's not motorboating tonight. 9420, Jan 14 at 0642 check, ERTOpen is back here with fair-good signal in

Greek, after foray to 9415 a few hours earlier at 0211 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MEANING OF "SILENCE"? Good afternoon Demetri: In your e-mail, you have the word [sigÈ] which translates to "Silence" Does this mean at 6:00 p.m. Sunday when you tuned in ERT Open, or is it forever to be Silent? Regards, (John Babbis, Jan 12, to Demetri Vafeas, cc to DXLD)

Who knows, John? Elections will either clear or further complicate issues (Demetri Vafeas, Greece, Jan 12 via Babbis, DXLD)

** GREECE. Rhodes MW transmitter looted --- MOST POWERFUL GREEK RADIO TRANSMITTER LOOTED BY BURGLARS AFTER HAVING BEEN ABANDONED
Source: <http://www.thegreekradio.com/node/9756>

Destruction of the allegedly most powerful medium wave transmitter of the Greek public broadcasting Service was reported during the Christmas holidays, few days after the power disruption ordered by the administrators of the estate of former ERT who reside in Athens. As reported by the local press, the burglars took advantage of the interruption of transmissions, invaded the transmitter facilities in Kalithea Rhodes and took loot. They stole all precious metal of the transmitter and its facilities, the cost of which exceeds EUR 100,000.

Since the official closure of ERT in June 2013, the redundant workers of public radio of Rhodes, despite not being paid, had undertaken the responsibility to operate the local facilities and the medium wave transmitter, by relaying the program of ERT Open while preserving the safety of equipment. On December 11, the administrator of the estate of former EPT mandated that no electricity should be further provided to any sites of ERA Rhodes. The transmitter was therefore abandoned at the mercy of burglars. Employees were warned that the power outage at the broadcasting site would put off all security systems and the perimeter security lighting.

The medium wave transmitter at 1260 KHz was one of the most powerful transmitters of the Greek radio. This particular device began broadcasting in January 2013, replacing the older transmitter of 1494 kilocycles. The excellent equipment, its proper installation and the use of the old frequency of Voice of America, allowed it to be heard throughout the Mediterranean and around the world, counting reception reports all the way to Japan. It was a big technological capital that was lost because of indifference by central government. Responsibilities are to be seek somewhere between the Ministry of Finance and the new Greek public broadcaster NERIT, as it is not clear if the transmitter was transferred to the new organisation or was left to be exploited by the Ministry.

Apart from the Rhodes transmitter, the mediumwave transmitters of ERA Sport and Filia Radio in Megara and other regional facilities were lost after having been looted in a similar way, whereas the Ministry attempted to sell the metal of the Avlida shortwave transmitter for recycling (via Christos Rigas - Chicago, Illinois, Jan 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Greek public broadcaster NERIT has added yet another live audio stream to its website at www.nerit.gr, making a total of five radio and three televisions streams accessible from there. The new stream is NERIT Makedonias (which is how it identifies on air) and it uses the same 'ASDIC'-type interval signal as the broadcaster's [national] 1st Programme. The stream can be accessed via the red LIVE menu at the top of the homepage - the icon on the right doesn't work as it's a dud link (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** GREENLAND. Vintage Radio Greenland Recording**
Post by Sam Ward ^a Thu Nov 27, 2014 1909 UTC

To my knowledge, KNR, or as it used to be called, Radio Greenland never broadcast in English. Therefore, it was a real surprise to come across a fascinating vintage recording of Radio Greenland from 1961, with an announcement in English on Dave Kernick's excellent intervalsignals.net website. What I found even more surprising, was that this broadcast was directed to the people of northern Canada, because it's always been my understanding that Radio Greenland never created any broadcasts meant for anyone outside Greenland. Now, there are so many questions that I have about this recording that there is just a clip of on this website.

First of all, was this just a one time thing, one special program meant for northern Canada, or did Radio Greenland offer programs periodically to the folks of northern Canada? Secondly, was the program itself in English? Or was the program presented in Greenlandic, which it is my understanding is very similar to the Inuktitut of Baffin Island, so that Inuit of eastern Canada would have no problem understanding the Greenlandic language. I have tried to research any Radio Greenland programs meant for northern Canada on the net, but have found nothing about it at all. Unfortunately although the CBC northern service has documented its history pretty well, the same cannot be said about Radio Greenland, Gronlandradio or KNR. If anyone knows anything at all about these broadcasts, please post your comments and recollections.

I actually E-mailed KNR about this, but since the station has never replied to any of my previous E-mails, I don't suspect that they will do so now. I naturally told them that especially since they are

streaming their audio online now, the world would really appreciate at least one English newscast per day, but I suspect that unfortunately nothing will happen. It was nice though to hear English from KNR during the Inuit Circumpolar Conference which took place in Nuuk back in the summer of 2010 (Sam Ward in Ontario, Canada, dxing.info via DXLD)

** GUAM [and non]. My project to find remote, quasi-independent "in-target-country" studios, producing program content in local languages for larger entities like FEBC etc., continues to bear fruit.

Tuesday's mail brought a reply from Trans World Radio Korea, which perfectly demonstrates what I am after. Very lovely large package from TWR-Korea, whose studios in Seoul record Korean programming for TWR which are ultimately transmitted via KRWR Guam. Nice full-data letter plus beautiful burgundy-colored souvenir towel with large and bright TWR-Korea logo silk-screened on it, along with a TWR-Korea magazine plus color brochure.

The letter is quite cute, indicating that they really didn't totally understand why I bothered to tune their program, although they were nonetheless delighted by the novelty of a reception report to their studio: "We TWR Korea happy to hear that you listened our program in accident (!!?? - rwp) and sent a very detailed and kind reception report --- Because TWR Korea is only producing Korean program for TWR ministry, not a station. So we are sending this thanks letter for you with a small gift for your kind report."

They also forwarded my report onward to KTWR Guam, which sent a QSL card for the logging, received in the same day's mail. TWR Korea is broadcasting on 11580 daily, but the frequency is currently a challenge, due to WRMI also being there 24/7. Luckily, and a bit surprisingly, after checking for several days, I found that on some mornings, it is quite possible to readily hear TWR-Korea underneath WRMI, as the two stations are dead zero beat (no het problems, etc.) with TWR Korea being very copyable with very different sounding programming; it just takes a little patience to log them.

Here's the Aoki entry on this:

11580 KTWR Guam 1345-1445 1.....7 Korean and
11580 KTWR Guam 1345-1500 .23456. Korean

Here's their website and also my primary contact's info:

<http://www.twrk.or.kr/> TWR Korea, Boaz Seong, National Director, TWR Korea, 446-1, Bongchun-Ro, Kwanak-Gu, Seoul, Korea. Good luck to all in logging/verifying this "new" "station", hi (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** GUAM [and non]. Voice of Hope - China: Here's a cool little operation in Hong Kong, with plenty of their own programming these days being pumped out onto shortwave.

The Hong Kong studio of Adventist World Radio apparently creates all of AWR's Chinese programming content for the Mandarin and Cantonese languages. The Voice of Hope China / AWR Hong Kong has been operating thus far in relative obscurity, as far as we radio hobbyists are concerned. These folks are definitely underserved, in terms of receiving reception reports --- so they are very pleased with any attention whatsoever. In addition to fast email replies, they airmailed me a nice packet of goodies, like book markers, an AWR QSL card and a special postcard for the wedding advice show that I monitored.

My log in mid-October was on 17810 at 1300-1330, one of AWR's many Mandarin service slots, but the frequency / time combo is no longer in use due to the B14 switchover on 26 Oct. But with the whole new schedule, it should be easy to locate an appropriate and active frequency/time for AWR Mandarin or Cantonese, where it can be logged during our local mornings; just check the AWR Chinese programs -- nearly all of them originate from the studio in Hong Kong.

Here are a few of B14 frequencies for the 1230-1300 time slot, all via AWR Guam, which should be fine: 1230-1300 on 9800, 15180, and 15195.

As AWR 'partner studios' go, VOHC actually appears somewhat quasi-independent, though they surely benefit from having AWR pick up some of their programming for shortwave relay. VOHC has its own fairly large repertoire of programs. Many nice local programs and a detailed hourly schedule is available on their website, too, tho I suspect some or many of the SW frequencies displayed there may already be outdated; I haven't checked.

<http://www.vohc.com/tc/broadcast.php>

Also received a VERY friendly email and a letter from Miss Lena (Xiao Jiali), the presenter of the program I monitored, "After the Wedding". She gives advice for marital bliss. You can obtain a personal email addresses for each radio show, via the website, which is very helpful for the QSL endeavor. For instance, I sent my report to Jiali at Jiali@vohc.cn <Jiali@vohc.cn>. I also suspect a generic info@vohc.cn might work, too. To spread my bets, I also used the web form to send them a copy of my report (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** INDIA. Latest Monitoring observations of AIR Home Service stations on SW is as follows:

Imphal 4775, 7335 Off air
Hyderabad 4800 off air (7420 is on air)
Kohima 4850 on special occasions only
Srinagar 4950 heard at around 1315-1400 Irregular (6100 is off air)
Itanagar 4990 Irregular
Aizawl 5050, 7295 Off air/Irregular
Jeypore 6040 Off air (5040 is on air)
Aligarh 9380 Irregular

Other stations are on air as usual.

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur
Radio, Hyderabad, India Mobile: +91 94416 96043,
<http://www.qsl.net/vu2jos> 0415 UT Jan 9, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Surprised to find that 4895 AIR Kurseong is off the air now to at
least 1210 UT. 4990 AIR Itanagar appears to be off as well. Can anyone
tell me of AIR Leh is on the air, and what their current accurate
schedule is?? 73 (Dave Valko, PA, Jan 9, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Today morning the following 3 stations which were off for many days
was heard this morning

4800 Hyderabad

4990 Itanagar

5050 Aizawl (Very strong at 0030 UT)

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur
Radio, Hyderabad, Jan 11, ibid.)

** INDIA. 5050, AIR Aizawl, back on the air again on Jan 13 at 1435
with the sports news in English; mixing with Beibu Bay Radio; after
BBR went off at 1601*, AIR mixing with strong OTH radar (Ron Howard,
Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11620, Jan 9 at 0119 fair signal with S Asian vocal music,
but 11905 SLBC is better. 11620 is the Urdu service of AIR, 0015-0430,
500 kW, 240 degrees from Bengaluru, and a regular here (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 13640, Jan 13 at 1511, 1 kHz tone, poor signal, 1513 AIR IS
starts before the 1515-1600 Gujarati service, 500 kW, 240 degrees from
Bengaluru (and per Aoki to be followed by Persian, Arabic, French
until 2030, but colliding with Iran in English on same at 1920-2020).
Music still audible with flutter during Persian at 1714 (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Latest & Detailed information on AIR is available in
<<http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Profile/Factss%20at%20Glance/Pages/default.aspx>>

Schedules, frequencies.

<<http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Profile/Radio%20Network/Pages/default.aspx>>
(Jose Jacob, India, VU2JOS, DXindia Jan 8 via Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

2245-0045 UT: At 2311 UT - nothing heard of DRM 11645; instead on DRM 9950 and DRM 13605 kHz. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, DXLD)

Schedule has * for DRM on 13605, 11645 (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA [non log]. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, as of Jan 13, remains silent, as it has been since Dec 14 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [non]. Radio FEBC Indonesia (Yaski): Here's another one for you -- FEBC Indonesia, which is also called "YASKI". They operate out of an office in Tangerang, west of Jakarta. Below you'll find their schedule, website, a copy of their email reply to my reports, etc. Friendly folks but they aren't too big on sending out airmail letters. Amusing English in their email, too. Hi.

iDear Mr. Ralph W. Perry, Greetings from Indonesia! We are sorry if we've answered your email. Thank you for your incredible response! We really appreciate it. On this occasion we would like to inform you that we were unable to send your request to get postcard or souvenirs etc. We apologize for that. But you can find information about our activities through <http://www.yaski.co.id>

May be useful. Yes, exactly right for the hours and frequency. I give you our schedule in SW: 15560: 0100-0130; 15450: 0930-1000; 15580: 0900-1100; 15620: 1400-1430. We hope you always healthy and visiting Indonesia again, can you? Warm Regards, Nuel Christiawan R.
<nuel@yaski.co.id>, ShortWave Spv. of YASKI Ministry (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD) via FEBC PHILIPPINES

** IRAN. 6205 kHz, VIRI, Kamalabad German, 1720-1820 UT two wideband spurious at 1740 UT Jan 12 --- Noted in 6133-6144 and 6266-6277 kHz ranges symmetrical in 48 mb. 16 BUZZ peaks of 100 Hertz apart distance visible each sideband. Distorted buzzy audio heard tonight.

6135, Same faulty IRIB Kamalabad transmitter now on French service, 1820-1920 UT, spurious symmetrically 6062-6075 and 6196-6208 kHz at 1828 UT on Jan 12. Posted by: (Wolfgang Bueschel, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** ISRAEL [non]. (9395), Jan 13 at 0530 check of Global 24 Radio webcast, Israel Radio is still being relayed from WRN for morning newscast until 0545, despite not appearing on the G24 program schedule. Evidently daily except Sat instead of NHK for a full hour. As long as it last, this puts Israel back on the SW map but how many

listings will note it? {starts with 6:30 am timecheck, so in the UT+1 zone it's one hour delayed} (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. Radio Santec, The Word, Cosmic Wave:
1500-1530 on 15190 TIG 150 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English Sun
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wqAnIsh2xI&feature=youtu.be>

Universal Life, The Word, Cosmic Wave, no signal on Jan.4 and Jan.11:
1530-1600 on 15190 TIG 150 kW / 165 deg to CEAF English Sun, cancelled
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Jan 8 at 1336 I turn on the FRG-7 which had been getting HJDH until 0645, and here's Shiokaze, but this Thursday it's not in English, but Chinese, with typical piano riffs. Hold on, let's not assume there has been a permanent schedule change or English eliminated, as it may be just another anomaly. Also it's about time for an abrupt change to an alternate frequency.

5910, Fri Jan 9 at 1425 shortly before closing, Shiokaze remains with a poor signal only, but sounds like Korean today.

5910, Tue Jan 13 at 1355, Shiokaze fair with Chinese, piano, still here from JSR Tokyo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. More special broadcasts are coming from the clandestine from Japan to North Korea, Furusato no Kaze, in Japanese on 15740 via TAIWAN: Saturday January 24 at 0430-0700, and two more at different times on Feb 14 and 15.

Happened to find these in Aoki, when looking for something else:
15740 Furusato no kaze Special 0430-07007 Japanese
100 2 Tamsui District TWN 2511N12125E _JCI b14 Jan.24 only
15740 Furusato no kaze Special 0700-09307 Japanese
100 2 Tamsui District TWN 2511N12125E _JCI b14 Feb.14 only
15740 Furusato no kaze Special 0400-0630 1..... Japanese
100 2 Tamsui District TWN 2511N12125E _JCI b14 Feb.15 only
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait in Arabic General Service on wrong frequency on Jan 7:
till 1220 21580 KBD 250 kW / 084 deg SEAs, co-ch RFI, instead of 21540
from 1225 21540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg WeEu, scheduled 1210-1550 in B-14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-kuwait-in-arabic-general-service.html>

Unscheduled broadcast of Radio Kuwait in Farsi on Jan 9:

0950-1000 21580 KBD 250 kW / 084 deg SEAs scheduled 1000-1200 Filipino
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10iK-7aIvLU&feature=youtu.be>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHazGdwKXdu&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

Radio Kuwait Urdu sce observed on Jan 13 at 1625 UT on wrong frequency
15515, instead of 15540. Please check English sce from 1800 UT on
wrong 15515 or 15540 as scheduled -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia,
Bulgaria, 1641 UT Jan 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

Radio Kuwait on wrong frequency on Jan 13:
1600-1800 15515 KBD 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Urdu, instead of 15540
1800-2100 15515 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English, instead of 15540
English - no signal here, but was confirmed by SDR Twente. Videos in
Urdu
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-kuwait-on-wrong-frequency-15515.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756,
DXLD)

** MACEDONIA. Macedonian Radio observed with news in French on 810 kHz
around 1838-1848 UT on 2-3 December. No news bulletins in English have
been heard recently (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D &
VEF201, Ant Folded Marconi 16m, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Radio Macedonia was observed today (12 Jan 2015) with a new broadcast
in French at 1835-1900 UT, replacing the English programme which used
to be on at this time. This was after the customary 5 minutes of
Foreign Service preliminaries in Macedonian, and consisted of a 15-
minute newscast followed by 10 minutes of folk music. This was
monitored with good reception on mediumwave 810 kHz via a Global
Tuners remote receiver in Rimini (Italy) and by live streaming from
their parent Macedonian Radio & TV website at <http://mrt.com.mk> (press
the button marked 'MP CAT' at the top of the page). Usual programme in
Bulgarian started at 1900 UT (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online,
Jan 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Schedule of Radio Macedonia in different languages on 810 kHz: 1835
French, 1900 Bulgarian, 1930 Greek, 2000 Albanian, 2030-2100 Serbian:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-macedonia-in-different-languages.html>
73! (Ivo Ivanov QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010.607, Radio Madagasikara, R Nasionaly Malagasy,
center frequency at 1808 UT, but during the registered time slot, the
transmitter hops up and down some 30 - 50 Hertz constantly. 5010.970
kHz at 1726 UT Jan 12 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, BC-DX 113 Jan via

DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 11665, 12/8 0909, RTM Wai FM, Kajang, Malayalan lang, fv. presents News, presumed, News about The wgjai [?] Philippines, Indonesia; good signal and very good modulation; ID many times, musics, 45444 (J Ronaldo Xavier, JRX Logs December 1-29, 2014. Receivers: Degen 1103, Tecsun S-2000. Antenna: Longwire. Location: Cabedelo, Paraíba, Brazil, HCDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 650, Jan 9 at 1416, poor signal in Spanish mentioning PAN de Sinaloa, so XETNT Los Mochis hasn't quite faded out yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Good conditions to my southwest continued last night. For once, XEMU [580] wasn't heard. That seems weird since 570 was owned by XEBJB with no QRM. Perhaps XEMU had issues and was off. My 9 pm recording has XERI 810 again. Maybe others in the midwest can get them if they can get away from WHB QRM and can null WGY. XERI plays SS mx and typically ID's about 1 minute after ToH and announces 5 kW. There's also a mention of "regalmente m'sica" as well as location and Radio Rey etc. 73 KAZ Barrington IL, Perseus and 2 DKAZ array with beam steered about 245 deg for the upper half of the band (Neil Kazaross, Jan 11, ABDX via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 900, Jan 9 at 0145, Spanish dominant talking about Veracruz, so maybe XEWB? But then goes on to travel promo for Canc'n (Mexicans axually go there?), federal IFT PSA, 0146 InformÉxico (?) with espacio deportivo. Loops about N/S which fits for Vcz, but still more likely to be news/talk XEOK Monterrey NL which is usually atop anything else including super-powered(?) XEW in the DF. XEWB is listed as Top-40. Then looping further west I am getting another Spanish talker with federal PSAs, Banco de MÈxico ad, maybe Chihuahua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 1060+, Jan 14 at 0227, horrible rumbling het: east/west open carrier from KIJN TX, always off-frequency, vs north/south new XERDO Reynosa, Tamaulipas, even more off-frequency (some have measured it 76 Hz high). Federal PSA for Instituto Nacional Electoral (name change? used to be Instituto Federal Electoral --- IFE); 0228 full ID as ``XERDO, La Raza, 10-60, 10 mil watts de potencia``, etc. by overlapping SHVA segments.

Or maybe it was 7 as in Cant', also with a different name: 1060 XERDO La Radio Matamoros, Tamps. 7,000 2,500
Right after this I find that USB tuning on the DX-398 helps to minimize the QRM on the lo side; and then I rotate again to hear a third station, from the west thru the KIJN carrier, 0230 UT ID as KXPL, El Paso, TX [continued under USA] (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

Nice informative logs. I have some embedded comments. (KAZ)

Announcements are for 7 kW here. They also mention Matamoros as well as Reynosa in the ID. This is a move from 1450. They and KIJN and of course XEEP are easy here in IL; KXPL is much harder and only logged twice (once recently thx to your mention that they are on at night) (Neil Kazaross, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Re: [IRCA] [NRC-AM] Mexican anthem hunt --- I'm usually asleep by midnight CST so I can't be of too much help here. re: 1100, XETGO has often been coming in well and occasionally clobbering WTAM the past couple of weeks. On 1070 I managed to hear a weak Radio Noticias slogan, so that is XESP and new for me. Others on 1070 are also possible. Both XEAU and XEMCA get out decently well on 1090. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, Nov 7, IRCA via DXLD)

Thank you, Neil and others, for letting me know about XETGO and the other various possibilities in terms of which signals are best at getting out. That's helpful. Though I'll have to wait for an eventual ID, these anthems at 0000 and 0600 central time are letting me know what's potentially lurking on these various channels in terms of Mexicans.

I am hearing about this mass migration of Mexican AM stations to FM, or to other channels on AM. I know there are various lists out there. Is there one in particular keeping on top of the various goings on with AM in Mexico? So I'd know for sure what's left on a given channel? Thanks, (Saul Chernos, Burnt River ON, Jan 12, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 1110, Jan 11 at 0219, Spanish YL talk from E/W with KFAB nulled making a SAH of approx. 269/minute = 4.48 Hz, must be XEWR, R. Guadalupana, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, which IRCA lists as a 500-watt daytimer; but Cant' and WRTH 2015 say 1/0.5 kW. No US SS stations around here, but there is one further Mexican, XEVS in Hermosillo, 1/0.25 kW per Cant' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Per their website, they like many Mexicans are more than what would be considered a daytimer on our side of the border.

<http://radioguadalupana.org/programacion/>

They also stream. They can come thru KFAB here although one needs KVTI to not be on too late. KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1300, Jan 9 at 0152, Elvis song seguÉ to Beatles' ``Hey Jude``, both in English with good signal from E/W. Presumed XEP Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, surely on 38 kW day power rather than 200 watts

night. The US stations around here on 1300 are talk, except Marshall MO listed as C&W and surely no such bigsig (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

These guys will usually ID near or somewhat after ToH as Radio Mèxico Noticias and are common (Neil Kazaross, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1430, Jan 9 at 0154, norteña music from N/S up to 0200. Don't see how it could be anything but XEWD, Ciudad Miguel Alemán, Tamaulipas, listed in IRCA Log as REG/NOR format, as none of the Texans or Nebraskans in NRC AM Log are Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1510, Jan 9 at 0155, from N/S, with WLAC nulled, but not much of a factor tonight, speaker in an echoey venue, then losing to music station, presumably Colorado. 0201 back up to outro talk show with 800 number, and 0201.5 FINALLY definite full ID partially copied: ``XEQI, 15-10 AM . . . Monterrey, Nuevo León . . . 10 mil watts de potencia`` . . . and some slogan, www. sites and e-mails I can't copy, all by YL with reverb (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1560, Jan 11 at 0227, Spanish gospel huxter dominating, phone number, and Radio Viva, Ciudad Juárez ID in passing, 0228 fuller ID with jingle, <http://radioviva.com.mx>

However, 2014 IRCA Mexican Log has XEJPV with 1 kW daytime, slogan as Indie AM 15-60, tho format REL, which really doesn't match. WRTH 2015 and Cant' have 1560 Juárez as 1 kW daytimer, XEJPV, Indie.

On Oct 8 as in DXLD 14-41, in another log I mentioned that ``Radio Viva`` used to be the slogan on 1560 Juárez. That refers to the 2013 IRCA Log. See also DXLD 14-24 for an ambiguous article about 1560 becoming ``Indie``, but really Juárez? Website I heard axually forwards to <http://radioviva.mx/> clearly Christian, and in the fine print abottom does show 1560 Juárez by this name, so apparently it's back, or never left. Part of the 7-station group MegaRadio in Cijz which also includes 1110 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Difficult but possible here in IL as I've logged them a few times over the years. Clearly AN now. <http://radioviva.mx/programacion/> Website <http://www.indie1560.com/> is dead and no activity on FB since October (Neil Kazaross, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6184.982, Radio Educaciôn from Mexico City, noted at proper signal S=9+15dB in remote SDR unit at Florida USA. 0553 UT til program off at 0559 UT, empty TX carrier still on air at 0607 UT check (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 9 via DXLD)

6185, Jan 9 at 0611, open carrier, no doubt XEPPM not having turned off its transmitter yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL - MEXICO - XEPPM, Radio Educacion, Ciudad de Mexico, D.F. 6185 kHz, 04:00z, p/d card v/s by Mtro. Antonio Tenorio Munoz Cota (Director General) in 1,410 days by registered airmail envelope for report, rec., stamps, IRCs, SWL card and multiple f/ups by airmail; also nice letter & pennant (JENSEN, USA) The effort was assisted by a very kind XEPPM staffer, Snra. Maria del Pilar Cruz. Contacts include the following:

Radio Educacion Onda Corta
Angel Urraza, No. 622, Col Del Valle
Delegacion Benito Juarez
C.P. 03100, Mexico D.F.

ondacorta@radioeducacion.edu.mx

(Bruce Jensen, California, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perseverance pays. Very nice, Bruce. Were your correspondences in English or Spanish? (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., *ibid.*)

Hi, Stephen - thanks. Correspondences were all in Spanish (I tried to find translation URLs that had Mexican dialect as a specialty) and all original transmission of every report was by airmail - although I also followed up with e-mail on the webform at the XEPPM website - so I cannot say for certain which form of "mail" actually worked the best. I am guessing right now that neither IRCs nor mint stamps played any role in the reply, although the SWL card and postcards might have. If I were to communicate again, I would address each correspondence (for the time being) directly to Sra. Pilar Cruz (Bruce Jensen, California, USA, *ibid.*)

I received the same thing a couple of days ago: cards, letter, and pennant confirming reports from June and September 2011. Both were in response to email reports in Spanish, with one follow up later that year. It was good to finally receive a reply. They must be clearing up the backlog of reports (Bruce in Seattle Portzer, Jan 15, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. Channel A2, NTSC, 55.25/59.75 MHz give or take, Jan 11 at 0300 UT I see traces of video by sporadic E. 6m map shows a few lines across southern US, northern Mexico, altho not N/S from there to here; 0318 peak fade-in CCI with some weak Spanish audio. There has been hardly any sporadic-E monitored here around winter's minor ``peak`` despite many hours a day of snow on my channel 2 analog screen.

Finally a half-decent winter sporadic-E opening, as the analog TV era

in Mexico has less than a year left. January 11 opening is in progress as I turn on and tune in, antenna still stuck at southward, all times UT:

1438 on 2, Azteca 7 bug in UR, animation fades in and out, video only. Probably usual XHTAU Tampico, Tamaulipas.

1617 on 2, fade-in some more after more than a sesquihour of snow, A&V, Spanish about Veracruz, SCT promotion for Puerto de Veracruz. Perhaps live, says there has been a 4.0 sismo (earthquake) there. Captions to the news items include a logo that looks like API TV, not at all sure of the letters. Anyhow, it must be XHFM in Veracruz.

1634 on 2, still some CCI, and trace until 1700 or so. Meanwhile, 6-m Es maps show some skip has moved from southern US to eastern US.

1900-2100 UT roughly, not checked

UT January 12:

0230 on 2, Spanish CCI, also some on 4

0240 on 5, MUF up to here some video, and 4 with music

0248 on 4, seems music video show, video squeezed, YL VJ between them, a little bug in the UR I can't make out. 0250 mentions Xalapa, which is also in Veracruz

0249 on 5, news in Spanish, continuous crawler abottom; large square bug in LR with complicated design in it. I do believe it's XHAJ Las Lajas, Veracruz as per Danny's logo reference

0256 on 4, now behind the VJ can make out program title (?) PLAY LIST, and soon a TV MAS ID; 0257 shows VERACRUZ. So it's XHGV, Las Lajas too

6m Es maps now have the opening centered over SE TX, which is a bit too far east for Vcz to OK

0302 on 6, video MUF up to here with new TRECE bug in UR (just the word, rather than the old Azteca swishes; Danny still hasn't updated his national logos since 2013 to show this). Close-up of singers wielding hand mikes. Per W9WI.com, the closest 13s on 6 to Veracruz are XHPUR, 100 kW in Puebla, Puebla; and XHVHT, 24.31 kW in Villahermosa, Tabasco. The 6m Es map would favor the latter

0312 on 88.1 rock music fades in for a minute or so, and out

0316 on 5, Televisa 5 bug in LR; could be XHGC itself, but there are

lots of others like XHZ in Zamorano, Querétaro

0330 opening fading, still some CCI on 2 and traces another semihour
(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. High VHF is an oddity. In the United States, Band III VHF has become fairly well-used in major markets. Many stations who were on analog in this band returned there for digital (in Phoenix, for instance, all three of them did).

However, in Mexico, stations are not moving RF channels after transition. In fact, only one digital station is authorized on high-VHF: XHMTA-TDT 12 Matamoros. This station operates at 21 kW and is on the same channel as analog XHREY-12 Reynosa (XHREY-TDT is on RF 36). Presumably because of 12 Reynosa being on a similar heading for many Gulf DXers, I do not believe that XHMTA-TDT has ever been seen via tropo. Both XHMTA and XHREY are in the Azteca Trece network; XHOR (Azteca 7) serves both areas and has a transmitter at each.

There aren't many high-V allotments, either. One is channel 10, Ojinaga, Chihuahua (presumably based on a border allocation that never was used in the analog era), and similarly channel 13 Cd. Acuña, Coah.

The other is a truly special case: channel 11 at Isla Socorro, Colima.

Isla Socorro is 600 km off the western coast of Colima, a small volcanic island of 132 sq km. It has one television station, Televisa's XHIOC-10. At 450 watts ERP, XHIOC is the lowest powered commercially licensed television station in Mexico, one of only two below 500 watts ERP (Azteca XHHR-6 Ojinaga, Chih., 457 watts) and relays the Canal de las Estrellas network. The station serves a naval station and small scuba diving industry on the island (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Jan 11, Raymie's Mexico Beat, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

The readiness scores have been updated to note that Azteca came on air in Oaxaca today. Possible reports that the state network could join them tomorrow, which is a shocker to me and would make Oaxaca among the readiest cities in Mexico and certainly in southern Mexico.

ALSO: At 11:50pm CT tomorrow, Televisa Noreste will apparently run a live program on all stations possibly with a live link to the Santa Rosa transmitter plant to show the shutdown of XHAB-7, XERV-9 and XHTAM-17. What a treat that will be if we can find it on YouTube.

I speak Spanish so you don't have to. Read my Mexico Beat blog |
Next analog shutoff: Nuevo Laredo/Matamoros-Reynosa, January 14
(Raymie, Jan 13, *ibid.*)

Shoot. XHAB-7, the only station I've ever seen on high-band Es (I think. Didn't get a positive ID but pretty sure that's who it was). And XERV-9, the only Mexican station I've ever seen via tropo. Hate to see them go! (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> Jan 13, *ibid.*)

Wow! That was a great catch via Es Doug. I never could land XHAB-7, thanks to KPLC in L.C. Sure would have been nice to have a little tropo ducting here tonight or tomorrow night (Raymie, just to confirm, the shutdown is tomorrow night at midnight right?) (Mike, S Louisiana, TVDXing since 7/27/09, *ibid.*)

It is Wednesday but at 12:00:01am (effectively). (Raymie, *ibid.*)

I have a feeling someone in that local area will have the signoff on Youtube (Mike, *ibid.*)

Oh, most definitely. People are asking others on the forum I read to record the signoff. I'd like to see it myself ó the Televisa plant in Santa Rosa is probably typical for their larger market transmitters (it has three of them).

óóó

We found out today that Azteca sought to put the brakes on the analog shutoff in a rejected amparo.

http://diario.mx/Economia/2015-01-13_8023ea03/busco-tv-azteca-con-amparo-frenar-apagon-en-tamaulipas/

The bid also sought to not have the analog shutoff this year nationwide. It was thrown out on the 9th by a telecom judge for being "notoriously improper" (Raymie, *ibid.*)

I've got stuff to post throughout the day and night for sure. In this post: a look at the first television station in the Rio Grande Valley. But first, take a look at XHVTV's Multimedios Matamoros engineers celebrating the end of analog in their transmitter facility! <https://twitter.com/JOSEMAR87/status/555178469685219328>

óóó

Tonight, at the stroke of midnight, a television era that spanned more than 63 years of history will end as analog television at last leaves the Rio Grande Valley.

It may not seem odd that analog television in this region ended with Mexico ó after all, 2009 is six years ago now ó but what is odd is that it began in Matamoros as well, with a station that represents an oddity in both Mexican and American broadcasting history.

I.

The Rio Grande Valley, principally consisting of McAllen, Brownsville

and Harlingen on the American side and Reynosa and Matamoros in Mexico, was one of several border markets where the allocations of television services were bisected by the border. Channels 4 and 5 were on the American end, while 2, 7, 9 (at Reynosa), 11 and (later into the 1950s) 12 were placed in the Mexican portion of the region.

Television in Mexico took some time to really get going. The first television station in Mexico was XHTV-4 Mexico City, on August 31, 1950, owned by the O'Farrill family. A few months later Emilio Azcárraga took his radio empire into television, putting the famed XEW-2 on air.

The Rio Grande Valley, however, posed a unique challenge. In 1948, clearly overwhelmed by demand the FCC had put licensing for new television stations into a deep freeze that would not be thawed until 1952. In most US cities this meant a definite end to the quest to put a station on air. But in Mexico, there was no such freeze, and thus a business opportunity unique in television: the creation of a new station to serve the booming United States, and one of Mexico's most economically developed areas, during a time when the former was impossible and the latter raw and new.

Compañía Mexicana de Televisión, S.A., stepped in to try and make this business plan a reality. Manuel D. Leal, a Mexican citizen and general manager of KJWW radio in San Antonio, led this venture, but soon after the proposed XESE-TV was overshadowed by new partners who saw this business opportunity and had the resources to do it.

In the first joint venture between O'Farrill and Azcárraga (but not the last, of course, as their national operations would merge in 1955), a new station was built in Matamoros, and on September 15, 1951, the first television station in Tamaulipas, XELD-TV, roared to life. This new channel 7 could claim many firsts: first high-VHF broadcast station in Mexico, first station outside of Mexico City (making it third overall), first border blaster on television, first Mexican station to boast full affiliation with an American network. The studios and 2.8 kW transmitter were in Mexico, while the station had a sales office in Brownsville eager to attract advertisers excited about the new medium and new opportunities.

XELD went as far as to retain Blair TV, an American advertising and national sales representative, an unheard-of relationship. Sponsor magazine boasted: "Unlike border radio stations, which have had poor reputation since days of goat-gland specialist Dr. Brinkley, XELD-TV is run along lines of American outlets, is repped by Blair TV, has basic CBS affiliation." The station's own advertising pointed to a market economically better than Rochester, Memphis or Dayton. Programming was bilingual.

So, you might be wondering, why have I never heard of this station?

That is because the rise and the fall came in a span of a few short years. The most immediate damage to the station came when the FCC thawed out television in 1952. This opened the channel 4 and 5 allocations from the Texas side of the border. In 1953, the first of the new American stations came to air: KGBT-4 in Harlingen. KGBT, whose radio branch had kept a relationship with CBS since 1944, stole the Tiffany Network. Not long after, in January 1954, came KRGV-5 Weslaco, which stole away NBC.

It was clear that the Mexican owners wanted out by this point, as reports surfaced that proposals had been floated to move channel 7 to Monterrey or to Guadalajara ó neither of which had television stations at the time. On April 29, 1954, citing a devalued peso and a breakdown in the station's generator, XELD announced a temporary suspension of operations. However, this suspension turned permanent in the summer, when Hurricane Alice took direct aim at the region and destroyed the XELD facilities. Channel 7 would not return until 1973 and the launch ofXHAB.

*Comparison: XHAB's analog transmitter until tonight boomed out the maximum 325 kW ERP! Yeah, this sort of ERP these days would only be on a shadow channel (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Under an hour to go. A look at a TV at Televisa Santa Rosa <http://instagram.com/p/x0jR-zo-AY/> airing what appears to be XHAB analog (XERV and XHTAM are both in the Canal de las Estrellas network). Santa Rosa is halfway between Matamoros and Reynosa; a nearby community called El Control has also been used as a transmission site for television in this region. (Raymie, 0507 UT Jan 14, *ibid.*)

I don't normally have images but, With one push of this button XHNAT-45 went dark. I am sure someone recorded this event and I will share that once someone uploads it to YouTube. The end of an era for Gulf tropo DXers ó and hopefully the opening of a new gateway to Monterrey for a certain Floridian (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Raymie, A little late but I found this just now <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/B7QD2YRCcAAYYRI.jpg:large> (Mike, southeastern Louisiana, *ibid.*)

Yup, a good old IFT infographic. Note the MPEG-2/MPEG-4 reference and the call for people to get decent UHF antennas (this will be a major problem in rural and southern Mexico where UHF is going places it never did in the analog era).

Also, a VIDEO now on Instagram with the final few seconds of XHNAT-45 as seen on the transmitter plant TV.

<http://instagram.com/p/x0vDCKEfKw/>

And two articles from the same publication. One is marked by a notably inaccurate choice of photo (Spain's TDT is DVB-based)

<http://www.elmanana.com.mx/noticia/54277/Llega-apagon-con-18-canales.html#.VLX3oog8j-A.twitter>

and the other tells us that PVC antennas are selling like hot cakes.

<http://elmanana.com.mx/noticia/54323/A-horas-de-apag%C3%B3n-anal%C3%B3gico-antenas-de-pvc-se-venden-como-pan-caliente.html>

Here's an even better video from Matamoros.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FA_4jG1pm04

This is XHAB running a countdown. Most of this info is straight up off the IFT press releases. It ends with a look at Televisa's Santa Rosa plant with various engineers talking. The transmitter that is shut off is not XHAB's as it continues running for about 10 seconds, even running a station ID! It's decent. According to local reports XHAB was the first station off the air and XHREY was the last, five minutes later (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Here is a good Confirmation video that the analog stations are off the air in the Rio Grande area.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYcKIhe13lM>

(Mike, *ibid.*)

The Tamaulipas digital switchovers that occurred at midnight also affected four municipalities in Nuevo León and Coahuila which depend on affected broadcast signals: Anahuac, Doctor Coss and General Bravo (NL) and Hidalgo (Coah.)

In the Nuevo León municipalities, however, analog stations remained on air in the TVNL network which has not transitioned any stations outside of Monterrey to digital in any form: XHNAN-55 Anahuac, XHDRC-27 Doctor Coss and XHGBT-27 General Bravo. These are now the only analog television services on air in these communities. The stations will occupy channels 22, 47 and 50 in digital, likely at very low ERPs (it's worth noting that there is no digital authorization for these yet but we can infer the digital channels allocated as these are the only TV stations licensed to their areas).

Speaking of state networks, you might have noticed the mention of Oaxaca. No word yet on their digitalization (they have a bunch of transmitters to work on as well) BUT they opened brand new facilities yesterday at their Oaxaca, Oax. headquarters. Gabino Cué, governor of Oaxaca, was there, as was Armando Carrillo Lavat, president of SPR.

\$2.7 million has been invested and set aside in digitalization costs ó 32 transmitters must be upgraded (Raymie, Jan 14, ibid.)

** MONACO. 8728-USB, 1155, R Monaco. NA, schedules for weather forecasts in French and English, NA, 454, 10/12 (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, Powys, JRC NRD 525, NRD 545, G5RV 40m long wire, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA [non]. GERMANY. 3985, 12/07 at 2000, V of Mongolia Kall-Krekel. English. Talk about architecture in Mongolia with an artist/architect. Includes reindeer herding and how a nomadic/indigenous lifestyle/culture and architecture work together. Great to hear VoM on shortwave, thanks to the Kall relay in Germany. 45333 (Alan Roe, UK, Jan CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

GERMANY. 6005, 12/09 at 1700, V of Mongolia Kall-Krekel. English. Sign-on anns, but not really able to follow much more. 25332 (Alan Roe, UK, Jan CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

The Voice of Mongolia relays via Radio 700, Kall continue beyond 31 December and heard tonight (2 January) at 2000 UT on 3985 kHz (Alan Roe, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Also still at 1600-1630 on 7310 and 1700-1730 on 6005 - still continuing as of 3 January (Dave Kenny, Caversham, Berkshire, England, UK, AOR 7030+/Wellbrook ALA1530, 90m bev, LW, Sony XDR F1HD, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** MOROCCO [and non]. INDIA/CHINA vs MOROCCO, CNR 1 Jamming to All India Radio vs Radio Medi 1:
1215-1330 9575 UNID secret transmitter site Chinese China Natl Radio 1
1215-1330 9575 BGL 500 kW / 038 deg to CeAs Tibetan All India Radio
0000-2400 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg to NoAf Arabic/French Radio Medi 1

JAPAN vs MOROCCO, Radio Japan NHK World vs Radio Medi 1:
1530-1600 9575 YAM 300 kW / 290 deg EaAs Chinese Radio Japan NHK World
0000-2400 9575 NAD 250 kW / 110 deg NoAf Arabic/French Radio Medi 1
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/bsksa-general-service-vs-china-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

In this Jan 4 intro no mention of "Myanmar Radio" - Ron wrote:

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 5985.00, Myanmar Radio, 1530, Jan 4. "Good evening our listeners. Here again is for our final transmission for today. We are broadcasting our English program on 5985 kHz, 50.13 meters, 576 kHz, 520 meters and 594 kHz, 505 meters. Now is our evening news

time"; President Thein Sein's activities on 67th Independence Day; medals awarded to military officials; current weather and "outlook for the next two days"; slogan: "Our three main national causes. Non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty." About the clearest reception I have ever had; fairly readable. Audio at <https://app.box.com/s/z0ee6klqf9c8ijahyf37>

5985.00, Myanmar Radio. Have they actually retired the old off-frequency transmitter? They have been using the exact frequency transmitter for almost a month now. Jan 7 (Wednesday) from 1536 to 1550 with "VOA Learning English, Science in the News." Audio at <http://learningenglish.voanews.com/content/newly-discovered-animals-face-danger-famous-elephant-dies-polar-bears/1965168.html>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985.00, Myanmar Radio, 1530, Jan 14 (Wed.). "Good evening dear listeners. This is Myanmar Radio . . . radiating on 5985 kHz, 50.13 meters, 576 kHz, 520 meters and 594 kHz, 505 meters"; this intro today was slightly different from the Jan 4 intro that I heard, so it's not recorded, but must be live; news/weather/slogan ("Our three main national causes. Non-disintegration of the union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty"); 1539 "Welcome to American Mosaic from VOA Learning English. I'm Caty Weaver. Today on the show we meet some very young book writers"; fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 7345, Thazin, frequency staying clear of China so Thazin there now at 1300+ on Nov. 6 with usual programming of nice Burmapop covers of ballads, etc. Fair to good signal, some fadeyness and atmospheric noise, but pretty dang listenable. This may be awesome for us in the months to come, if China keeps clear (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** MYANMAR [non]. SRI LANKA -- Okay, here's the next "new station" I've uncovered. Independent producer of locally-originated ethnic-language programming, from within a target market, for a larger umbrella organization. Quasi-independent, with enough of a unique personality to qualify, for me, as an excellent target. And, at least at this early juncture, happy to QSL (if a little bit amazed and confused to receive a report). Friendly folks.

Adventist World Radio Myanmar. I've found out that AWR maintains two studios in Myanmar, one in Yangon and one in Pyin Oo Lwin, and they call themselves "AWR Myanama". They create daily programs in Burmese, Karen and PWO Karen, Chin, Shan, Mon, and Kachin, for transmission via

AWR Guam and Trincomalee.

My verie letter received from them by email as a PDF attachment. Also a couple of photos from the two studios, showing shots of their production teams. My log was of their Burmese service on 9730 at 0000-0030 via Trincomalee. Initially hoped to log and verify both studios, but as it appears they will reply as AWR Myanma from the local head office, not as AWR Yangon and AWR Pyin Oo Lwin, so I guess I am already done with this one, hi. Easy to reach them at voh@awrmyanmar.org

Further contact info, from email signature of the local director: Maung Myo Chan, Director, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Myanmar Union Mission Headquarters, Department of Communication & Public Affairs, 72 U Wisaya Road, Dagon Township 11191, Yangon, Myanmar. E-mail: mchan@adventist.asia <http://www.myanmaradventist.org> They have a very nice local website for AWR Myanmar: Adventist World Radio (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 7375, UT Sunday Jan 11 at 0152, JBA carrier at best from the Mighty [??] KBC via Nauen, GERMANY. Like last week, it just isn't propagating during deep winter with lowest overnight MUFs across the North Atlantic path (assuming the transmissions are still going out normally). So no Forgotten Song to be heard. But Kraig Krist no doubt will have program #65 complete 2-hour audio up shortly at: <http://www.kg4lac.com/indexjs.min.htm> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mighty KBC: On demand audio from the Sunday January 11, 2015 0000-0200 UTC broadcast. Posted January 14, 2015 <http://www.kg4lac.com> 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Peter De Groot writes: A series of special Radio Netherlands broadcasts will begin on January 17th and 18th, 2015. Presenters will be John van den Steen, Jerry Cowan and Tim Thomasson. See frequencies and times below:

0100 to 0200 UTC on 7570 kHz
0100 to 0200 UTC on 11790 and perhaps 13700

Peter sent no more information than this, so I'm not sure where the transmissions will originate. Since RNW is no longer on the air, I'm certain these broadcasts aren't coming from Hilversum.

Hopefully, someone will attempt to record these broadcasts in case I'm not in the broadcast footprint. Would like to add this to the SW Radio Audio Archive.

<http://swling.com/blog/2015/01/special-radio-netherlands-broadcasts-starting-january-17-and-18-2015/>

(via Mike Barraclough, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Of course it's WRMI on 7570, as I say on WOR 1755. This BS frequency has been pre-empted several times before for specials via WRMI, e.g. STF (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Mike I got the same email about this. 7570 is from Okeechobee. But the other two are from the EX-RNW site at Madagascar (Keith Perron, Taiwan, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. R. Spaceshuttle testing via GERMANY: q.v.
[WORLD OF RADIO 1756]

** NIGERIA. Kaduna, presumed HAUSA, 6090 , below frequency (bad tuning) around 1730 UT. Fine in lsb Pat (France) (Patrice Privat, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, 2027 UT Jan 14 via DXLD)

Pat did not give a date with his log, so the date and time of posting on HCDX are shown, which could be several days later before appearing (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Kaduna, Nigeria, taped tonight in video

<http://youtu.be/WGsZFFc-n1A>

Icom R75 France (by Pat)

(Patrice Privat, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, 2040 UT Jan 14 via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 9689.893, V of Nigeria Abuja in Hausa language talk at 2055 UT Jan 10. S=9+20dB in NY / Boston Massachusetts network remote unit (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice of Nigeria: Only hear last seconds of Test DRM on 15120 from Voice of Nigeria, Jan 10 2015. Receiver Alinco DX-R8T in IQ mode, with Dream 1.12b software for DRM. T2FD antenna.

Later, 2011, 9690 kHz (9689.89 in LED of my receiver) Voice of Nigeria in Hausa, turned off transmitter at 2017 UT ??? A Transmitter fail??? Good SINPO 35543 but signal off! Come back signal after 2025 UTC, very good signal!!! Very clear audio!!! until 2059 when turned off transmitter. Where can I send reception report to Voice of Nigeria for QSL request? 73 de XE-SWL-24-01, Mexico (Magdiel Cruz, HCDX via DXLD)

11769.873, V of Nigeria, Abuja, Hausa program from 2100-2200 UT, heard on Jan 10, with news items of

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boko_Haram

muslim terrorist movement. Many items on news at 2104 UT heard. Hit heavily adjacent channel by Caribbean religious station from Anguilla

on 11775 (Wolfgang B, schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Old Radio Program Station:

6770.0/AM, 2213, 2-Jan; Our Miss Brooks; SIO=353-. He seems to like Eve Arden. (Frodge-MI)

6770.02/AM, 1332, 3-Jan; Tune in to Vaughn Monroe tune, Avalon cigarette ad into Red Skelton Show. SIO=353 (Frodge-MI)

6770.01/AM, 2258-2302+, 4-Jan; NBC promos into the Wild Bill Hickock program intro'd by Andy Devine and sponsored by Kellogg Sugar Pops. SIO=353- (Frodge-MI)

6770.03/AM, 2302-2319+, 7-Jan; Alan Young Show with Minute Rub & Ipana toothpaste ads. SIO=3+43- with click & buzz burst QRM (Frodge-MI)

6770.04/AM, 2221, 8-Jan; Our Miss Brooks. SIO=2+43- with pulse burst QRM (Harold Frodger, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6280-AM, Jan 11 at 0203 check, no signal from Station YHWH; last heard here Dec 15 on this frequency, and I don't see *any* other reports of him since; gone for good? Last YHWH item in hfunderground.com was Dec 9 on same by Ron Howard (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 3285-USB, PIRATE (No. Am.), WEZY, 0208, 1/11/15. iMan of constant sorrow, i ID, iIn the jailhouse now. i Off. Fair.

11560, PIRATE (No. Am.), WEZY, 0217, 1/11/15, iMan of constant sorrow, i ID, iIn the jailhouse now. i Off. Fair (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig Satellit 800, Sangean 909X, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flexenna, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 11428, CHANNEL Z, Pirate Station, USA [sic], Jan/11/15, 2307 UT, English, FAIR. Male DJ spoke at 2307 tune in. Rock music "Edgar Winter - Frankenstein" at 2307-2311 UT. Into song by "Golden Earring - Radar Love" at 2311-2317. ID by Male DJ at 2317, "This is a Special Test Transmission from Channel Z Radio on 11420 kHz". Also mentioned the transmitter and antenna they were using for this transmission. Into song "Whoo Hoo" at 2318-2321 UT. Off Air at 2321. Low powered home brew transmitter used for this! (Rob ROSS, ONT, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 3440, WHYP, PIRATE Station USA [sic], Jan/12/15 0118 UT, English, poor-fair. Male DJ at 0118-0123 UT. Presumed to be "James Brownyard" with a repeat of an old show from WHYP. Music at -0123-0125. Male DJ 0125 UT. Into song "Green Onions" by Booker T and MG's at 0126-0129 UT. Male DJ Spoke at 0129-0130. Still in at 0140 with talk by male DJ and rock music selections. Haven't heard WHYP for a

long time!! And never down this low in Frequency!! (Rob ROSS, ONT, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. Very little pirate activity noted here in the past week. Band is shutting down shortly after sunset.

TCS-The Crystal Ship via the TCS Shortwave Relay Network, 6850 AM, 2346-0004+, 01-01-15. SI0: 343 "Buried Treasures" by Tom Petty. All Tom Petty tunes. [Lobdell-MA].

KCPR, 6950 USB, 0155-0209, 01-04-15 SI0: 343 Pop tunes, such as "Stacey's Mom" by Fountains Of Wayne, "Shannon" by Terry Gross, "Ariel" by Dean Friedman. IDs by SSTV images only (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter Dipole, G5RV dipole, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. IMHO --- The occasional ranting and raving of your crazed editor:

The FCC doesn't really care about busting shortwave pirates anymore. To this, my opinion is unless you live within the jurisdiction of the FCC Detroit office in Farmington Hills, MI, they don't really care about shortwave pirates.

If you want to see what the FCC is up to on enforcement activities, just Google iNOUO. NOUO stands for iNotice Of Unlicensed Operation, which is what the FCC issues if they've caught you in the act of broadcasting without a license. It will take you to a nice database <http://transition.fcc.gov/eb/FieldNotices/> by date of all FCC enforcement activities.

Many of these involve regulatory violations of existing commercial stations, but the entire listing of official busts of AM, FM, SW stations are in here as well.

After reviewing the list back to early 2013, all of the pirate stations busted had been on FM, with the exception of two, one was a medium wave pirate in Hamtramck, MI on 1610 kHz visited in October of 2014, and the other was that of Radio Ronin in April of 2013. The Detroit office did both of those visits. The same office also busted the Crystal Ship in 2012, if memory serves me correctly.

Interesting, why you ask? Well, the operator of Radio Ronin told me one of the Detroit office's agents is an avid pirate DXer! In fact, he claims he even sent a reception report to Radio Ronin. The agent happened to be on FCC business just a few miles away from Ronin when he took to the air on that fateful night on April 2nd. Other than the Detroit field office activities, there were undocumented visits to

WEAK Radio and another station in the south a year or two earlier, according to rumours in the pirate community.

The FCC is now a complaint driven agency. When they receive a complaint about interference to a legal station, they eventually will take action, so 99% of their enforcement activities have been against illegal FM pirates.

I can't even remember when a Canadian shortwave pirate was busted by the CRTC. I was a friend of the operator of He Man Radio which was on the air in the early to mid-1990s. Despite saying he was broadcasting from a hilltop in Ohio, he actually was coming out of southern Ontario. Also a ham, the op recounts how an agent visited him on his farm a day or two after a broadcast, saying there was pirate activity in the area. He was never accused of the activity.

So, to summarize, it is IMHO that shortwave pirates can broadcast without much fear of being visited by the FCC as long as they: A. Don't cause interference, B. Don't live in the jurisdiction of the Detroit field office, and C. Don't go on the air too often with a regular schedule. The FCC has more pressing needs to use their manpower on right now. Of course, things can change and the busts of 1991, 1995 and 1998 come to mind.

What do you, the readers, think? I'm looking for your opinions here. I will print them in upcoming issues of the FREE RADIO SCENE (Chris Lobdell, MA, Jan CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, Jan 14 at 0208 just as I tune in to some music, it stops. Logs here agree it was Hummingbird Radio and came back on later:

<http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,20303.0.html>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1240, KOKL, Okmulgee. 1/8 fair to poor signal over the mess. 0434 [EST] noted with Classic Hits format, "12-40 the Brew" ID and local spots (Eric Bueneman, Hazelwood MO, GE Superadio III, Yaesu FRG-7, Worcester Space Magnet, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 17 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Nice sunset skip tonight. New on 1460 is much sought-after KZUE La Tremenda from OK // a web stream about 45 sec behind. This came up at about 1721 CST taking over the channel from KCLE. There seems to be no KXNO yet, I think due to semi auroral conditions and my antenna direction. KUSH was in on 1600 with ads atop the Viet station from the DFW area. 73 KAZ Barrington IL, Perseus and 2 DKAZ array with beam steered about 245 deg for the upper half of the band. PS.. this antenna setup puts anything else that I've ever used here to shame and requires less than a football field of land (Neil Kazaross,

Jan 10, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Good conditions to my SW continued last night. My 10 pm CST recording had KOKL 1240 The Brew from OK with ID after oldies. My antenna system was doing a good job mid band as well with KGWA 960 from Enid better than semi-dominant. This station was very rare on less effective antennas here. I never imagined that I could use just 60% of the land required for a football field and have an antenna system this useful. 73 KAZ Barrington IL, Perseus and 2 DKAZ array with beam steered about 245 deg for the upper half of the band (Neil Kazaross, Jan 11, ABDX via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. KOKC 1520 in south FL --- unusual?? Hi, Last night, 0600 UT Jan 13, I heard 1520 Oklahoma City for the first time in about 40 years (and even then, all I heard in 1974 or so was "Oklahoma City" mentioned, which wouldn't exactly nail it). Got full ID of KOKC along with KOMA HD3.

I've seen the night pattern, which shouldn't make it out this way. I've also read that it's easily heard in Hawaii! So, was my catch from south FL outta the ordinary? I sincerely doubt they were running day pattern by accident; I think they are too professional for that. Granted, I don't monitor 1520 (or even AM) all that much. Maybe it's more common than I think?

And BTW it seems as a few nights ago I had WXYB in the Tampa area on 1520, mentioning Tampa Bay & maybe an 813 phone number. Is this a cheater? (It sure sounded like something unheard-by-me 1521 Saudi would play, but apparently it was Greek.) cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, Jan 13, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

KOKC has been operating on an STA of 12.5 kW non-direxional, I believe. So less than full power, but certainly more signal eastward than on normal night pattern. It gets plenty of QRM here, with all the real cheaters on 1520. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, ibid.)

Ah very well! Been getting it the past 3 nights. 12.5 k sure gets out then. Got an e-mail from them, but the STA was not mentioned. Hmm. Thanks Glenn. cd (Chris Dunne, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. 1650, KYHN, AR, Fort Smith, 1/7 0221 [EST] faded in just in time for call letters and faded right back out, phaser indispensable. First AR logging from my location since I started here in August 2014, 25th state, 1021 miles, 45th 1000+ mile station out of 394 total (Brian Rachford, Prescott AZ, 6-foot tuned loop + 23-foot tuned vertical + Quantum Phaser + RTL-SDR, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 17 via DXLD)

Hi Brian, Good to see your logs. In case you should care, KYHN 1650 transmitter site is in Oklahoma, not Arkansas, as I have pointed out in my reports but which do not appear in DX Monitor. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to Brian, via DXLD)

Glenn, Ah, shoot! Yes, that does matter, I guess I need to pay attention to the Google Maps transmitter links at mwlist.org when I log new stations. I know KMOX has the same issue. I do read your reports, too, but probably read about KYHN and didn't put two and two together. That's not one I would have expected to log until I started using a phased system because of KFOX, KBJD, and KSVE (Brian Rachford, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 32, WQOS306, the intercity-relay of KXOK-LD, RF31, from Enid to a ch 35 translator near Lamont, halfway between Enid and Ponca City, is surprisingly back on the air Jan 14 at 2330 UT, including three channels: 31-1 black (or rather gray); 31-2 and 31-3 with separate color bars, labeled M-FOX and Azteca. Except for lack of programming on 31-1, this is what was going on both via this and the main KXOK RF31 transmitter until they crashed several weeks ago. The two Spanish networks had been carried briefly but replaced by color bars for months and months previously. At this time RF31 is *not* on the air --- it always has a stronger signal here, and the weaker RF32 relay does not necessarily decode with my present antenna configuration.

Next check Jan 16 at 1515 UT finds a 'bad' signal on RF32 (which could be something else) and RF31 occupied instead by full-power KDCU Univisi n Kansas from Wichita (even tho antenna aimed oppositely) with some tropo on a day warming up nicely into the Fahrenheit 60s. See USA log.

Suddenlink cable in Enid still displays WEAK SIGNAL on C15, so it's getting neither KXOK (a block away from headend) nor KDCU. See DXLD 13-24 for more about WQOS306. One never sees any other non-broadcast but point-to-point transmitters within the TVBC bands DX-reported, but I suppose there must be some, all highly direxional and lower-powered. BTW, I am still not seeing listed KLHO-LD RF 31 in OKC with 15 kW; is it on? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. RF 29, Jan 14 at 2330 UT, I find that the KTUZ Shawnee/OKC transmitter has added another subchannel: 48-1, KUOK-CD, Estrella TV. This had been the last(?) analog TV signal in OKC, low power, which I could occasionally get with some tropo help on real channel 48.

Estrella is the low-brow Spanish network; has continuous bug in LR of a 5-pointed star each with a different color, lower-case e in the

middle, and tiny lettering below it (which I could never see in fuzzy analog), estrellatv.com Aspect ratio Can Be Changed, and it must be: to SQUEEZED, for proper proportions, at least during the movie on around 1515 UT January 16.

So on RF 29 we now have remapping to three different virtual channels! in a feeble attempt to hide the fact that these competing networks are all on the same transmitter (and ownership in this market?)

30-1 KTUZ with Telemundo,

36-1 KUOK without a suffix, Univisi n, and

48-1 KUOK-CD with Estrella.

I suppose a lot more arrangements like this are forthcoming as FCC forces even competitors to share transmitters in order to sell off more and more spectrum still occupied by higher UHF channels (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 9540, 1/9 0316, R. Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait, in Arabic lang; mv. talks; fair signal with very poor modulation or barely audible; 35432/35431 (J Ronaldo X, Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

For the second day no signal of Radio Sultanate of Oman from 1400 on 15140. -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Jan 13 at 1430, very poor signal, YL talking maybe in English news as scheduled from RSO; 1448 back to music, now only poor. Ivo Ivanov had noted this frequency missing Jan 8 and 9 at least (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU [and non]. QSL: 9930, Eternal Good News via T8WH, Palau and 9505 WHRI Angel 3 via Cypress Creek Transmitter. Full data (with sites) verification letter, plus religious text material in 16 days after posting a e-mail report to: gebry@cox.net V/S: George Bryan (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
See also AUSTRALIA

** PERU. [Re 15-01]. Con el mayor de los gustos Arnaldo, lo del aviso del anti-virus...sin comentarios....jajajaja; lo que s  pude oir fue que re-transmit a una radio de Acobamba, Huancavelica, llamada Izarra Digital 91.5 <http://www.izarradigitalfm.com> y ayer cuando sintonic  los 1430 kHz estaba la portadora y no hab a modulaci n, pero "por debajo" hab a una estaci n con fading ligero, luego de un "programa" de "brujos" pude identificarla:

Radio Universal, de Huancayo.

Asi que otra para el log. Cordiales 73! (ALFREDO CA  TE, Lima, Per , TELF: 51-1-99958-6329 (13:00 - 01:00 UTC) RECEIVERS : ICOM IC-R71A, GRUNDIG YB400PE, SONY ICF-7600DS, REALISTIC DX-440, ALINCO DJ-X3;

ANTENNAS: SW: RADIO SHACK 20-181, MW: CPDS-1 QUAD, MW: Select-A-Tenna 541-M; NOISE CANCELLER: JPS ANC-4 "Somewhere... something incredible is waiting to be known." Carl Sagan, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. Arthur Miller comments on his Peruvian logged on 4774.8 kHz: iIím not sure of the significance of iel 2 de Mayoî mentioned several times by Radio Tarma which termed itself iRadio Tarma Internacionalî on this occasion, but it appeared to be connected with a sports tournament involving South American countries presumably starting May 2nd.î

I visited the stationís website <http://www.radiotarma.com> and their schedule does include a sports programme iAntena Deportivaî 2300-0000 UT on weekdays. The website also shows shortwave transmission hours: Monday-Saturday 1000-1400 & 2000-0200; Sundays 1100-1400 & 2000-2300 UT (Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** PERU [and non]. 5980, Jan 9 at 0104, two weak carriers on slightly different frequencies, and some modulation from one of them. Listening carefully, with an eye on the watch, one of them cuts off at 0105:09.5* so that's R. Chaski; and the remaining one has the modulation, i.e. BBC via UAE. This is 30 seconds later than last check five nights ago at 0105:39.5* so averaging 6 seconds later per, within the margin of error to the 5.83 spacing calculated over longer ranges (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. PER/' QUIERE INVERTIR US\$ 18 MILLONES PARA BRINDAR CONECTIVIDAD RURAL VÕA RADIO DE ONDA CORTA
by gruporadioescuchaargentino

El Fondo de InversiÕn en Telecomunicaciones (Fitel) de Per' trabaja en un proyecto para implementar una red de radiocomunicaciones que brindar· servicios de conectividad a m·s de 140.000 personas en 1.832 localidades rurales a escala nacional.

La iniciativa llevar· municipios, gobiernos regionales y entidades p'blicas busca garantizar acceso a servicios de radiocomunicaciÕn punto a punto a travÈs de una red de alta frecuencia ó HF, tambiÈn conocida como onda corta ó, que incluso permitir· ofrecer servicios de telefonía en la modalidad Phone Patch.

El plan se desarrollar· con la asistencia tÈcnica del Fitel y recursos del Fondo para la InclusiÕn EconÕmica en Zonas Rurales (Fonie) estimados en 55 millones de soles (18.4 millones de dÓlares).

El objetivo es alcanzar a poblaciones rurales de 30 a 100 habitantes. Cabe remarcar que las localidades deben superar los 200 y 150 pobladores para calificar a iniciativas que ofrezcan Internet y

teléfono móvil, respectivamente.

Desde el Ministerio de Transportes y Comunicaciones (MTC) se aseguró que los equipos llegarán a las comunidades beneficiadas durante el último trimestre del año, una vez aprobado el proyecto de factibilidad y realizadas las licitaciones correspondientes (tomada de Telesemana.com) (via GRA blog Jan 10 via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 15640 // 17700 // 17820, R. Pilipinas, 0200, Jan 13. Anthem; long "PBS" song; usual opening message with salute to overseas Filipino workers and to listeners of R. Pilipinas; into iFrom the presidential palace Manila, Dateline Malacañangî (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. HOW RADIO VERITAS ASIA BECAME 'VOICE OF CHRISTIANITY' ABS CBN News, "ANC The World Tonight" (see video), January 14, 2015 <http://rp2.abs-cbnnews.com/video/nation/01/14/15/how-radio-veritas-asia-became-voice-christianity> (with video)

MANILA - In the darkest days of the dictatorship, it called itself the voice of truth.

Most Filipinos would still remember Radio Veritas as the domestic broadcaster that played a prominent and historic role in restoring Philippine democracy. Few, however, are aware of its international arm - Radio Veritas Asia or RVA, which broadcasts evangelization as well as social and human development programs via shortwave transmissions.

Pope Pius XII first had the idea of a Church radio station for Asians to address the needs of Catholics in the region.

At a meeting in 1958, the Conference of Southeast Asian Bishops agreed to establish Radio Veritas Asia in the Philippines. It was a strategic choice. Unlike its other Asian neighbors then, the Philippines enjoyed democratic freedoms and allowed private ownership of radio stations.

The German government of chancellor Konrad Adenauer provided funding of 13.5 million German marks. This enabled the Philippine Radio Educational and Information Center to build and operate Radio Veritas Asia. It was inaugurated in April 1969.

Radio Veritas relied on shortwave radio technology to reach audiences in remote areas in the Asia-Pacific, the Indian subcontinent and mainland China. RVA could beam radio programs over long distances without relying on satellites.

Radio Veritas became a virtual mini-United Nations of broadcasters. At the height of its operations from the 1970s to the turn of the century, program producers broadcast in 17 languages including Pilipino beamed to OFWs in the Middle East.

The station came to be known as the missionary of Asia and as the voice of Christianity, freedom and reconciliation. Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

There they go again, purporting to speak for all of Christendom, rather than just the RCC faction. And the German GOVERNMENT paid for this? Is RCC the State Religion of Germany? Gross violation of Separation of Church & State (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. January 8: Communist Radio Comintern with Russian songs 1420 on new 6989.8, ex 7199.8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJuF_BaP5B4&feature=youtu.be

Communist Radio Comintern with Russian songs 1430 on new 6989,8, ex 7199,8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_mBjoDZ_AE&feature=youtu.be

Communist Radio Comintern with Russian songs 1440 on new 6989,8, ex 7199,8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y5pVJB2XJVU&feature=youtu.be>

Communist Radio Comintern with Russian songs 1450 on new 6989,8, ex 7199,8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yip9Z8u4ARA&feature=youtu.be>

Communist Radio Comintern with Russian songs 1458 on new 6989,8, ex 7199,8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lck-XbQynBA&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

New frequency for the Communist Party of Russia Radio Comintern: 1420-1500 NF 6989.8 with Russian songs, ex 7200v. Power only 1 kW. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-comintern-on-new-frequency.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, Jan 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

New frequency for the Communist Party of Russia, Comintern Radio: 1200-1500 NF 6989.8 with Russian songs, ex 7200v. Power is only 1 kW.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-comintern-on-new-frequency.html>
Details about this station can be found here:
<http://rossosh-kprf.narod.ru/music.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Moscow, RWM Taldom, standard signal on 9996 kHz 31 mb seems were off afternoon, now only a very tiny string visible, probably final amplifier tube stage section failure? 4996 kHz is still working now, 1923 UT Jan 10 (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. GERMANY([and] non), Russian religious broadcasts on Saturdays via Media Broadcast:

Missionswerk Friedensstimme

1500-1530 on 11995 ISS 250 kW / 060 deg to EaEu Russian Sat

HCJB The Voice of Andes

1530-1600 on 11900 MOS 100 kW / 095 deg to CeAs Russian Sat

1600-1630 on 11900 MOS 100 kW / 095 deg to CeAs Chechen Sat

Christian Science Sentinel

1900-2000 on 5960 NAU 100 kW / 090 deg to EaEu Russian Sat

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/russian-religious-broadcasts-on.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 12, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [and non]. 11700, excellent QSL packet arrived today (Nov 7) from Voronezh, Russia, from the Revelation Studio of HCJB Russia (sometimes a.k.a. New Life Radio), with nice letter indicating mine was the first reception report they've ever received from the USA!

Along with the letter came a nice QSL card, several picture postcards of Voronezh scenes, a business card for Radio Life ('satellite station' they are affiliated with), a brochure in Russian about the history leading up to the founding of the Revelation Studio in Voronezh and also their business alliances with HCJB, Radio Life, etc. Also some nice colorful pocket calendars.

I logged them on 13800 during A14 period via Nauen, but now, according to latest Aoki, they have since moved to 11700 for the B14 period, via Moosbrunn, Saturdays only, with Russian at 1530-1600 and Chechen at 1600-1630. The station's brochure still refers to an even older frequency, 13740. Correct mailing address to use is: Radio Studio "Octovenie", PO Box 585, Voronezh 394 036, Russia.

Their leader and founder is Massalytynovu Constantine Stepanovich, who along with his wife have been the lifeblood of this courageous religious operation from inside Russia. Takes some huevos! Constantine is a very friendly guy and his direct email address is mks@intercon.ru The website <http://www.radiolife.org/> has a lot of good info, as long as you can figure out how to get past the annoying opening screen. Answer: don't click on "skip intro" link in English -- the animation will just repeat! Instead, click on the Cyrillic text above "skip

intro" (Ralph Perry, IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. QSL: RADIO MAGIC EYE, Moscow, 25900 kHz (24.1.2014),
Cartolina QSL in 90 giorni. E-report con MP3 inviato ad
arb@radiostation.ru V/s: Serge Komarov (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan
10, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) No news of any activity a year later, this
winter (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 15770, Jan 13 at 2100, trying to hear the 'From
Moscow With Love' special from R. Sputnik via WRMI, but just too weak
to be worth it. Instead tuned to 15580 for VOA: see USA. Recheck at
2130, now WRMI has faded in better, too late (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. 15275 & 17800, Jan 8 at 1848, VG signals in Hausa from DW
relay sked 18-19 UT, 310 and 295 degrees respectively, with 17800
stronger, just as good if not better (and better modulated) than the
only two other signals on 16m, 17775 KVOH and 17790 WRMI. Furthermore,
15275 is essentially the only non-North American audible on 19m,
except for a poor 15580, VOA Botswana at 350 degrees.

This demonstrates what great use could be made of the Kigali relay by
any SW broadcaster who cared enough to reach North America any more
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX WORLD OF RADIO 1756, LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA [non]. CLANDESTINE, Shortwave transmissions of Radio Impala
are cancelled. No signal from the beginning of 2015. Several my videos

Radio Impala on Nov 14, 20 and 29, 2014:
1700-1800 on 17540 MDC 250 kW / 310 deg to SoAf
Kinyarawanda/English/French
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajucV0sLj14>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTzMdWoPg20>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5PWS-u6faA>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015
via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA [and non]. vs CHINA, BSKSA General Service vs China
Radio International
0700-0800 17740 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic BSKSA General Sce
0700-0757 17740 XIA 500 kW / 190 deg to SEAs Chinese China Radio Int.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/bsksa-general-service-vs-china-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

BSKSA GS on 17705 kHz is off the air 1300-1400 UT slot

1200-1300 on 17705 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic General Service
1300-1400 on 17705 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic permanently off
1400-1500 on 17705 RIY 500 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic General Service
1200-1500 on 21505 RIY 500 kW / 295 deg to NEAf Arabic General Service
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iH0FTD9_Qd8&feature=youtu.be
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duSKw4KKoNk&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015
via DXLD)

** SERBIA [and non]. MW PIRATES: Greeks and Serbians mediumwave
pirates between 1600-1700 kHz:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/greeks-and-serbians-mediumwaves-pirates.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA [non]. RADIO SLOVAKIA INTERNATIONAL: 9395 via Global
24/WRMI transmitter Okeechobee, FLORIDA. FULL DATA QSL CARD received
for English language report sent by EMAIL. Received in 1 Month by
REGISTERED MAIL! Also included in the package was a nice staff photo,
station sticker, station sked, glossy map of Slovakia and tourist
info, and a CD about Slovakia! Shortwave radio is still alive in
Slovakia! (Rob Ross, London ON, Drake R8B + 180' LW, MARE Tipsheet 9
Jan via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, Shortwave transmissions of Radio Hilaac
are cancelled. No signal from the beginning of 2015. Several my videos
Radio Hilaac on Nov 4 and Dec 7, 2014:
1700-1730 on 15180 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Sat-Thu
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AT_CmGc-ZC4
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0UPcV6nRwc>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015
via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. GERMANY (non), Very strong reception of Voice of
Khaatumo, (Codka Khaatumo):
1700-1730 17580 ISS 250 kW / 120 deg EaAf Somali Tue-Thu, video Jan 13
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/very-strong-reception-of-voice-of.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15770, Overcomer Ministry via WRMI Radio
Miami Int'l (presumed); 1605, 7-Jan; Bro. HyStairical said "some long-
time listeners still don't get the soberness of this broadcast, this
IS the last days..." and said he's coming to the end of his ministry.
Said he spent 200K\$ last month for the broadcast. Said there are about
90 people at the compound and they could go off grid any time they
wanted to. SIO=454- fady. Yesterday at 2200+/- I could not find B.S.
on any of the usual frequencies (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake

R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 11685, Jan 10 at 1523, REE is very poor with silly ballgame, // much stronger 12030, where the language is so rapidly excited I at first am not even sure it's Castilian. So no longer can say I've never heard the 11685 frequency; usual RTTY QRM on the hi side, from NAA? Nothing audible on 11940 except a JBA carrier, so that one is surely off altho nothing else is scheduled; and 9620 if on, not propagating to here beyond a JBA carrier. Another question arises: weekends starting at *1500, so does this mean Spanish SBGs never kick off earlier than 4 pm local? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Except one kickoff at midday Madrid time on Sunday (good time for the Asian TV audience) all other matches are after 1500 GMT/1600 CET (Stephen Cooper, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REE Noblejas SW relay of live football league matches via shortwave.

9620 S=9 at 1940 UT, S=8-9 fluttery in southern Germany back lobe coverage. Goal in Tenerife at 2013 UT, great S=9+20dB signal in MA / NY Eastern NoAM.

11685 S=7-8 signal strength at 1950 UT on Jan 10. Poor S=5 in MA / NY USA posts. Valencia zero goals. Bac vv [??] heard. But most bad channel selection, due of powerful RTTY ute multi channels coverage in adjacent 11686.5 to 11689.5 kHz frequency range. Powerful tones midst on 11686.5 and 11687 kHz.

11940 S=8-9 signal backlobe, at 1955 UT on Jan 10. But much stronger S=9+20dB in Boston Massachusetts remote SDR network receiver at 2016 UT.

12030 only S=6-7 signal backlobe in Germany. Eastwards signal to NE/ME, and East Africa Indian Ocean.

Much stronger backlobe signal S=9+20dB into Boston Massachusetts remote SDR network receiver at 2020 UT on Jan 10. Barcelona un goal. Penalty goal (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10)

9620	1500	2400	4,6-11	NOB	200	290	0	212	17	Spa	E	REE	16219
11685	1500	2400	46,47,52,57	NOB	200	161	0	212	17	Spa	E	REE	16222
11940	1500	2400	12-16	NOB	200	230	0	218	17	Spa	E	REE	16223
12030	1500	2400	38,39,47,48	NOB	200	110	0	218	17	Spa	E	REE	16225

(Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [non]. Channel 292 relaying Radio Mi Amigo in German on Saturday, Jan 10

0700-1100 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir CeEu, very poor signal after 0800
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-mi-amigo-in-german-via-channel.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. Sri Lanka broadcasting Corporation sent me an old Ekala QSL card after 28 days for my reception report with 1 IRC. Detailed pamphlet about Trincomalee Transmitting Station was also enclosed. QSL card was issued by Mr. Gamini Liyanarachchi, Engineer in Charge, Trincomalee Transmitting Station.

He is always in Colombo, and goes to Trincomalee once a week. According to him, the management of the station was just completely transferred to Sri Lanka from Germany in October 2014. 2012-2014 was the training period. Reception reports should be sent to his section:

SLBC
Independence Square
Colombo 7
Sri Lanka

Telephone +94 11 2696131
Fax +94 11 2693571
E-mail <ddge -at- slbc.lk> <slbcproject -at- yahoo.com> (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Jan 9, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 13 via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. QSL: The following verification replies were obtained with the assistance of Victor Goonetilleke, which I am deeply indebted to, for his help.

11860, Voice of Wilderness, Korean to Asia via Trincomalee transmitter. Full data (with site and name of the program for a client indicated). SLBC Studio Buildings card, in 9 months total, 138 days after sending out reports to Victor (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. QSL: 9720 Far East Broadcasting (FEBA) to India via Trincomalee transmitter. Full data (with site and name of program indicated) SLBC studio card, in 138 days after sending my report to Victor; no reply from FEBA-India address. V/s on both cards illegible, Director, Audience Research (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Jan 9 at 0114:47.5 musical prelude starts on good but fluttery SLBC carrier already on; timesignal ends at 0115:20, sign on and nice S Asian music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. Evening observations of Sudanese broadcasts on Jan 7
Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio:
1630-1730 on 9505*ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf French
1730-1830 on 9505*ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf English
1830-1930 on 9505*ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Hausa
* till 1800 co-ch BBC WS and QRM from TWR Africa English 1802-1902 on
9500 [WORLD OF RADIO 1756]

Radio Omdurman Sudan:
1430-1530 on 7200 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic
1930-2100 on 7200#ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic
from 2000 QRM RFI French on 7205
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/evening-observations-of-sudanese.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

January 7: Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to EaAf 1730 on
9505 Al Aitahab
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1dnvylXstk&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to EaAf 1800 on 9505 Al
Aitahab
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlJZLLbG_t4&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Africa, Sudan Radio in English to EaAf 1821 on 9505 Al
Aitahab
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7wJAxmMi3A&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7200, 1/10 0326, R. Omdurman, Al Aitahab, in Arabic; mv
talks; Sudanese music; fair signal and poor modulation; 35442 (J
Ronaldo X, Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

** SUDAN & SUDAN SOUTH. Hello Friends, I'd like to ask help to clarify
the description of transmitter location inside Sudan. The following
information appeared in DX LISTENING DIGEST 14-51, December 17, 2014
In the Sudan Radio History {section} - some details:

"5 - During G.E. research found another MW station too of SDN__Yambio
909 kHz 50 kW image of 23 Aug 2011. Appeared for the first time during
new ITU Geneva plan of 1978 came into effect, in WRTH 1979 issue."
Yes, in 1978/79 Yambio was part of Sudan.

By now, I think this Yambio site is not in Sudan, it is in South Sudan
(designator: SSD). Do I think well or is it possible that there are
two Yambio towns, one is in Sudan, and another is in Western
Equatorial state of South Sudan?

I point out that South Sudan seceded in July, 2011 from Sudan but it is possible that their mediumwave transmitters weren't designated into the category of South Sudan, at least not on paper. In reality South Sudan is an independent country with transmitter locations outside of Sudanese jurisdiction.

I don't know whether someone broadcasts from Yambio on 909 kHz or not. Euro-african Mediumwave Guide (EMWG) says:
909 kHz SSD - South Sudan Radio, Malakal (5 kW)
Malakal is a town in Upper Nile State of South Sudan.

I am afraid there are confusions in some Arabic names. I don't know the reasons. Maybe it is a transliteration problem between Arabic and Latin-based writing systems. For example, DXLD mentioned Reba transmitter in Sudan, but, I also know another form: Reiba. The description of the state, where Reba/Reiba is located, is also problematic: Sennar or Sinnar state inside Sudan. In EMWG, you can read:

801 khz SDN - Sudan National Broadcasting Corporation, Al-Fashir (5)
I have read in other sources (<http://www.allafrica.com>) as Al-Fasher.

1485 khz, SDN - Sudan National Broadcasting Corporation, Al-Gadarif
(5) Or Al-Gedaref?????

1602 khz: SDN - Sudan National Broadcasting Corporation, Kadogi (5)
Or Kadugli or Kadougli (also spelled as Kaduqli)??? or

Which ones are correct? How to make order in this? Sincerely, (Tibor Gaal, Hungary, Jan 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Future scheduled relays via Radio Revival on 6065-LSB and 3950 kHz include:

Saturday 24 January:

1200-1300 Sveriges DX Forbund;

1300-1500 Radio Merkurs

Sunday 25 January:

0900-1000 Atlantic 2000 International

Sunday 15 February:

0900-1000 European Music Radio

Saturday 28 February:

1200-1300 Sveriges DX Forbund, 1300-1500 Radio Merkurs

(Jan BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Special transmissions from Sala, Sweden on Saturday, January 24:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/special-transmissions-from-sala-sweden.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD) Viz.:

Special transmissions from Sala, Sweden on Saturday, January 24:
1200-1300 6065 SAL 010 kW / non dir to Eu in LSB Swedish DX Federation
1300-1500 6065 SAL 010 kW / non dir to Eu in LSB Radio Merkurs
1500-1600 6065 SAL 010 kW / non dir to Eu in LSB Radio City
1600-1700 6065 SAL 010 kW / non dir to Eu in LSB Radio Revival
parallel frequency 3950 SAL 005 kW / non dir to Eu in AM maybe for
whole period ?????????? (Observer, swldxbulgaria blog via dXLD)

** SWEDEN. Radio Revival testing new frequencies in mid-January from the Sala transmitter site in Sweden. In addition to the usual channels 3950, 5 kW in AM and 6065, 10 kW LSB+carrier we have registered the following frequencies
3970/3980, 5 kW in AM and 6035/9815/9875/11745/11755, 10 kW in LSB+carrier (DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. Radio Sweden interval signal query.
Moderator: Martin Elbe 2 posts i Page 1 of 1

Postby Sam Ward ^ Thu Nov 27, 2014 2100 UT:

I was browsing around Dave Kernick's fascinating <http://www.intervalsignals.net> website, and I started checking the various vintage recordings of Radio Sweden available on the site. One recording of Radio Sweden in particular went all the way back to 1965, and was offered to the website by a man who is truly legendary for having a collection of amazing vintage recordings of mediumwave and shortwave stations from all over the world, Rudy van Dalen who I must say I envy TREMENDOUSLY for having such a complete and outstanding audio collection of station tuning signals and IDs.

Anyway, now I am a bit confused, because I was quite sure that in 1965, Radio Sweden would have been using a fully orchestrated version of its tuning signal, and not the same musicbox version that I became familiar with when I first picked up the station back in 1979. In 1980 through HAP, the Handicapped Aid Program, I received three cassette tapes of tuning signals from around the world narrated by RCI presenter Ian McFarland. In the European section, the Radio Sweden interval signal heard on that tape was a very majestic sounding, and fully orchestrated version, with the melody being slightly longer than the musicbox version that I first heard back in 1979. I did not think that that version of the Radio Sweden interval signal was used on the air as early as 1965. So, for you old timers out there that have been DX-ing longer than I have, just when was that fully orchestrated version of the Radio Sweden interval signal heard on the air? I'm really curious now (Sam Ward in Ontario Canada, dxing.info forum via DXLD)

Postby Juhani E Niinistö ^ a Sun Dec 28, 2014 1238 UT:

I think Radio Sweden started using the Swedish Rhapsody (Midsommarvaka) as its musical logo in the early 70s when Bengt Gustafsson became the director and the service was reformatted into a consistent half hour block system. In 1965 Barbro (I think that was the first name) Svinhufvud was still in charge. They used the Stockholm City Hall bells, to start with. And the Swedish National Anthem was played at the end of a regional segment, usually closing with a 45-minute block in Swedish. The brief automated logo preceding RS broadcasts was the official SR logo, used throughout the Corporation (Dxing.info forum via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 11605.098, RTI Tainan in Japanese language. ID / schedule / frequency at program start at 0800 UT on Jan 10. S=5-6 sidelobe signal into Germany (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) (Wolfgang B. schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN [and non]. ¿Fin de las emisiones en español de Radio Taiwán?

Estimado Sr. Hauser. Me lleg  esto en espa ol:

Estimados amigos oyentes: Debido a la finalizaci n de la colaboraci n entre Radio Taiw n Internacional y Radio Francia, a partir del d a 29 de marzo se dejar  de emitir la programaci n en lengua espa ola de RTI en la frecuencia 3965 kHz de 20 a 21 UT a Europa, y la frecuencia 9730 kHz de 2 a 3 UT a Sudam rica. Les pedimos disculpas por las inconveniencias ocasionadas y los invitamos a escuchar nuestros programas a trav s de nuestra p gina web oficial:

<http://spanish.rti.org.tw>

Atte.: (via Ing. Israel Gonz lez Ahumada, M.I., Yucat n, Jan 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cierre emisiones R. Taiw n Internacional

Radio Taiw n Internacional informa en su web

<http://spanish.rti.org.tw/whatsNew/?recordId=7540>

que deja de emitir en espa ol el 29 de marzo por la frecuencia de 3965 de 2000-2100 UT y 9730 de 0200-0300 UT. Debido a la finalizaci n de la colaboraci n entre Radio Taiw n Internacional y Radio Francia, a partir del d a 29 de marzo se dejar  de [ ]

<http://aer.org.es/archivos/2113>

Un saludo cordial (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa a, COORDINADOR GENERAL ASOCIACI N ESPA OLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER), Jan 8, noticias dx yg via DXLD)

Más malas noticias. Otro cierre que acabo de escuchar ahora mismo: el de Radio Taiwan Internacional en español por onda corta. Según acaban de decir en la transmisión de hoy, debido al cese de la colaboración con Radio Francia, desde el 29 de marzo dejarán de emitir sus programas en español por onda corta (de 2000 a 2055 por 3965 kHz y de 0200 a 0255 por 9730 kHz). No parece que tengan alternativa: remiten a las emisiones por Internet desde ese día. 73's (Ramón Vicente, ibid.)

Nobody mentions the RTI Spanish relay which has been going on for a year via WRMI: 0300-0400 on 7730, not dependent on France, so why wouldn't it continue, unless RTI is really deleting all Spanish (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE FUTURE OF RADIO TAIWAN INTERNATIONAL, ENGLISH BROADCAST

Dear Glen[n]: I read this morning at the Radio Taiwan Int web pages that there are some dark shadows now from the Radio France International relay site that provides the service of Radio Taiwan International to Asia and Europe will end March 2015. When the solar flux is excellent I can hear this broadcast at 1700, on 11975 kHz here at my location in St. Albert. Too bad the voices of shortwave are being first cut to go when it is budget time. Read item on Jan 8 2015:

``The cooperation between RTI and Radio France Internationale (RFI) is set to end in late March. Therefore, starting from March 28th, RFI will no longer relay RTI's programs on the following three frequencies: To South Asia from 1600 to 1700 UT on 13810; to Africa from 1700 to 1800 UT on 11975, and to Europe from 1800 to 1900 UT on 3965 kHz. We apologize for the inconvenience and will inform you if there are further developments.`` Best regards, (Richard Lemke, City: St. Albert, Province: Alberta, Country: Canada, Jan 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also FRANCE

** TAIWAN [non]. All RTI relays via Issoudun will stop on March 28 due to cancellation of RTI-RFI collaboration. Current winter B14 schedule:
0200-0300 on 9730 ISS 500 kW / 232 deg to SoAm Spanish
1600-1700 on 13810 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to SEAs English
1700-1800 on 9540 ISS 500 kW / 055 deg to RUS Russian
1700-1800 on 11975 ISS 500 kW / 160 deg to CeAf English
1800-1900 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 345 deg to U.K. English
1900-2000 on 11875 ISS 500 kW / 190 deg to NoAf French
2000-2100 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 215 deg to SoEu Spanish
2100-2200 on 3965 ISS 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu German, videos Jan 12:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/cancelled-sw-transmissions-of-rfi-rti.html>

Probably all RFI relays via Taiwan also will stop on March 28, due to cancellation of RFI-RTI collaboration. Currently winter B-14 schedule

1100-1130 on 15680 PAO 100 kW / 352 deg to EaAs French
1100-1200 on 7325 PAO 250 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese
1100-1300 on 9900 PAO 250 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese
1400-1500 on 7380 PAO 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
1500-1600 on 9565 TSH 100 kW / 250 deg to SEAs Vietnamese
2200-2300 on 7310 TSH 300 kW / 325 deg to EaAs Chinese
2200-2300 on 9660 PAO 250 kW / 352 deg to EaAs Chinese (DX RE MIX
NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015 via DXLD)

** THAILAND [non]. Am continuing to search for overlooked "DX-ish" radio studios, not sites, creating foreign language program content for larger organizations to broadcast, either via their own SWBC transmitters or rent-a-transmitter outlets. I've already had some luck in locating interesting, ethnic "partner studios" of large religious organizations, which are typically located within the respective target area that matches with a specific language (e.g., a studio in Bangkok, Thailand, creating Thai and Lao programming).

A very good example is one that was totally new to me: FEBC Radio Thailand, which produces programming in various languages for the Thailand/Laos general area, including Hill Tribes dialects. The vast majority of their programming is carried on a large number of MW and FM stations across Thailand, but they also feed programming to FEBC for relay via shortwave. Their address is: FEBC Radio Thailand, 9/22-23 Soi Thana Arcade, Ekamai-Sukhumvit 63 Road, Wattana, Bangkok 10110. Their website: <http://www.febcthailand.org/>

My logging was for the "Lu Mien" language transmission on 12095 at 1200-1230. This appears to have continued into the B14 period. Lu Mien is a regional language spoken in Thailand and other countries across SE Asia and So China. Got back a nice folder QSL, with some nice homemade touches by the FEBC Int'l team in Bangkok. The folder cover shows color photos of all the Thailand team members, inside are all their signatures, and the back sports a detailed QSL text for the Lu Mien transmission. I am sure they have other transmission times / frequencies; just check Aoki for Thai/Lao area languages for likely candidate transmissions such as Lao, Lisu, Akha, Lu Mien, etc.

These all may, or may not, be FEBC Thailand; still haven't yet found a comprehensive SW sked for them, even on their website. But that's part of the fun of this new pursuit of mine, the detective work. First you determine that a language studio may exist, then you check out possible sked targets, get a log, and then figure out how to send a reception report directly to the local studio. Normally I try to avoid trying to make contact via the larger parent organization (Ralph Perry, Wheaton IL, Listeners Notebook, Dec NASWA Journal via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. Mixing between Voice of Tibet in Chinese and Tibetan

services:

1330-1345 11692 DB 100 kW / 095 deg EaAs Chinese strong, Tibetan weak
// 15562 DB 100 kW / 131 deg CeAs Tibetan only. Video on Jan 9
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IceK6iHawNI&feature=youtu.be>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

** TURKEY. Voice of Turkey is to end the iDX Cornerî show after the
next edition of the programme in two weeks time on Saturday 27
December (Howard Barnett, 14 Dec, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD
OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

January 7: Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on
shortwave 1536 on 6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt61-6XC0Uw&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1547 on
6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqnQjiUaRcU&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1553 on
6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcEzSXpnsKs&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1600 on
6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4rh6aKICEQ&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1615 on
6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HLLXAUsW20&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1619 on
6120 Emirler
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPZNzsDyo1M&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Turkey, unscheduled broadcast in Greek on shortwave 1623 on
6120 Emirler, plus R
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THwxgH9q-wc&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unscheduled broadcast of Voice of Turkey in Greek on shortwave, Jan 7
1530-1625 on 6120 EMR 500 kW / 290 deg to SEEu, strong co-ch RL
Belorussian:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/unscheduled-broadcast-of-voice-of.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

Strangely enough, Greek has not been a VOT language until now, despite neighboriness (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** TURKEY. [Re 15-01, VOT English at 0400] Did I forget the frequency? It was the 31 m band frequency. Sorry! (Walt Salmaniow, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 9655

** UGANDA. 4975.965, UBC Radio Kampala at 1730 UT, carrier signal of S=3-5 threshold level strength, fragments of male announcer talk on Jan 12 (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, BC-DX 113 Jan via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. 11980.086/am/usb, PPRK Radio Dniprovska Khvylii, Zaporozhye, S=6 fair signal into Germany target, at 0807 UT on Jan 10, Sat/Sun only ?, heard in both AM and better USB mode (wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 10) (Wolfgang B.schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE [non]. Broadcasts to Ukraine of pro-Kremlin Radio Vesti on 1215 kHz (Kaliningrad) and 1089 kHz (Krasnodar) ended on 1 December. The third frequency 1413 kHz (Grigoriopol) will also cease from 1 February 2015 (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF2001D & VEF201, Ant Folded Marconi 16m, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. WRTH 2015 includes Crimea in Russian entry!!!

I tweeted @ wrth last night "you are legitimising military aggression"

Gentlemen, I will never be buying WRTH again. I'm absolutely disgusted (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Executive Committee Member & Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, via Walt Salmaniow, BC, DXLD)

Fellas, I share your feelings. Perhaps your views need to be more widely shared. Personally, I haven't bought a WRTH for 2 or 3 years now. Perhaps I'm mistaken, but hadn't National Geographic also recently published maps with Crimea part of Russia? I'd like to know via Mauno as well about who made this decision. 73 (Volodya Salmaniow, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Maybe WRTH has more customers in Russia than Ukraine? There is a tendency to go with de-facto situations and damn the consequences. At least the CRIMEA & SEVASTOPOL secession is at the end of RUSSIA, separate and not integrated into the pages and pages of FM frequency listings for RUSSIA proper, which I wasted time hunting thru before coming to the C&S department (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC R3 Subharmonic 45.25, Sutton Coldfield

Dear all, found this oddity today while hilltopping at Mow Cop on the staffordshire/Cheshire border, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mow_Cop

I checked 44.15 to see if BBC R2 was also radiating but nothing was heard. 45.25 was equivalent in strength to the 50 watt community stations in Birmingham. As it's likely this will propagate, it would be nice if the BBC wasn't informed for a while ;-). Would be nice (and entirely possible) to see it logged Stateside via F2 props (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Executive Committee Member & Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, Jan 11, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

I.e., 0.5 x 90.5 MHz, transmitter leakage before doubling (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** U K [non]. CHELMSFORD CALLING WORLD SERVICE SCHEDULE OF BROADCASTS
Details of recent & upcoming transmissions of our World Service programme are listed below: [WRMI only excerpted]

09/01/2015	23:00 UTC	9955 kHz	WRMI
14/01/2015	23:00 UTC	9955 kHz	WRMI
21/01/2015	23:00 UTC	9955 kHz	WRMI
28/01/2015	23:00 UTC	9955 kHz	WRMI

<http://www.chelmsfordcalling.com/world-service-schedule/4587373904>
(via John Hoad, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

This monthly hour was originally appearing on some Fridays at 23 UT, such as 9 Jan. But the other dates in Jan are Wednesdays, correct? Yes, per latest WRMI program grid [and there's something else new Thu at 23-24 on 9955, 'Caribbean Trust' --- what's that?] Global 24 not mentioned altho CCWS is on their schedule as some Wednesdays at 0100 on 9395 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3299.5-USB, Jan 9 at 0112, MARS net, AFF4AL in contact with AFA4PM, and then calling stations in Georgia, Kentucky. This roster shows AFF4AL as State Mars Director in Alabama; AFA4PM in Tennessee. <http://www.marsregionone.org/NCS/Net-Log-V-03-01-2013-Build-001-CS.xls> Many other calls could have been logged. I'd rather hear Belize. I now notice the arrow-down at the end of the URL in Google search which will lead to cache or similar (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13565 approx., Jan 9 at 0131, HIFER beacon K6FRC with CW ID over and over, weak but clearly copiable, mixed with CODAR swishes, no other beacons audible now than this one in California duplicating a real ham call (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 10000/AM, WWV missing; WWVH Kehaha HI & PPE Observat rio Nacional, Brasil both good copy; 0214, 4-Jan; Nothing on 15K & WWV OK on 5K & 2.5K. Back on 10K next day (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real

time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910/FM, WQGY434 Eldorado TX, KLDE 104.9 FM studio relay; 1543-1550+, 3-Jan; KLDE ad package promo for "the greater San Angelo area", "The best radio station in Texas, KLDE radio", singing "We've got great memories", young Michael Jackson, Paul Simon, etc. 25910 better than // 25990 as usual. Still no response to my report (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW ----- All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 26110, FM MODE, KMK282, Sacramento, CALIFORNIA, Jan/11/15, 1710 UT, English, GOOD. Studio Link Relay for KVOR-TV [sic: it's KOVR --- gh] 13/KMAX-TV 31, sister stations in Sacramento. Program called "Good Day Sacramento" at 1710 tune in. Promo for the "Good Wife" on CBS at 1711. MAACO ad at 1711. CBS station promos for new shows starting Jan 22. Back to Good Morning [sic] Sacramento at 1713 UT. Spot for "cbs13dotcom", Sacramento ads. Ad for a Sacramento FM station. "Live from across the Valley" - San Francisco Spot. "CW TV 31" Promo. 84 Watt Studio Link heard by F2 Skip. New Station Logged for me!! Thanks to Harold Frodge/MARE for the Tip!! (Rob ROSS, ONT, ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. VOA Radiogram this weekend will include a news item in Olivia 32-2000, a slower but robust mode that might help cope with mid-winter propagation. Details:

<http://bit.ly/14Ee9d4>

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule (all days and times UT):

Sat 0930-1000 5910 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via North Carolina.

(Kim Elliott, Jan 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KBC at 6095 kHz

- Data transfer was good - no transmission errors, but a typo ["Balitimore"],

VoA at 17680 kHz

- flanking noise again from the 17850 kHz-jammer, therefore some images interferences

¥+ + + some nostalgic Easypal images via Finland.

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-01-10.htm

(ROGER, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

I.e. some Radio News covers, and Finnish pin-ups (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 9550, Sat Jan 10 at 0619, very poor signal with rock music, IDed by // stronger 15580 as VOA English to Africa. 9550 is 124 degrees from SvO TOM..., and 15580 is 350 degrees from BOTSWANA; the latter only occasionally propagates across the wintry Atlantic night. So with its self-limited airtime and resources, why is VOA emitting rock music instead of first-class world news? Ha (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. IBB changes:

Deewa Radio

0100-0200 12025 UDO 250 kW / 300 deg WeAs Pashto, ex KWT from Jan 12

Radio Farda

1430-1530 12005 WOF 300 kW / 090 deg WeAs Persian, ex LAM from Jan 12

1530-1730 12005 WOF 300 kW / 090 deg WeAs Persian, ex BIB from Jan 12

1800-1900 9465 BIB 100 kW / 105 deg WeAs Persian, x 9885 from Jan 16

Radio Liberty

1500-1800 11890 LAM 100 kW / 075 deg EaEu Russian, ex WOF from Jan 12

Voice of America

1530-1600 9765 SAO 100 kW / 000 deg WCAf Hausa M-F, new from Jan 12

1530-1600 12075 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg WCAf Hausa M-F, new from Jan 12

1530-1600 17700 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg WCAf Hausa M-F, new from Jan 12

2100-2130 9675 WOF 300 kW / 182 deg NWAf French M-F, ex 9620 *Jan 16

2130-2200 9490 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg WeAf Bambara M-F, ex 9620*Jan 16

* avoid Radio Exterior de Espana, Radio Nacional de Espana in Spanish (DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan 13, 2015 via DXLD)

Additional broadcast of Voice of America from Jan 12, Hausa:

1530-1600 on 9765 SAO 100 kW / 000 deg to WCAf Hausa

1530-1600 on 12075 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg to WCAf Hausa

1530-1600 on 17700 BOT 100 kW / 350 deg to WCAf Hausa, video on Jan.13

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/additional-broadcast-of-voice-of.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan 14, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 15580, Jan 13 at 2105 after perfunctory newscast, via good Greenville signal, ``VOA One`` is now the ID for the show of rock music hosted by Larry London, to which I try to doze for a semihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO on the Classical Channel - Time Change

Hi Glenn, Hope things are well. I wanted to let you know that due to

some program changes we are going to be moving World of Radio up 30 minutes from 9:00 AM Eastern to 8:30 AM Eastern [1330 UT], effective January 18.

<http://www.radioveronica.us/classicallisten.pls>

We have had a lot of changes in our information programming during the past few months (some have ceased production, like Voices of our World, and we have been trying to fill those holes). In the end, I decided that rather than continue to seek out other shows that are not as good as some of the ones we have been running, we will consolidate the best of our remaining long term programmers into a 4 hour slot on Sunday mornings, rather than the previous longer block. Hope this works for you (Ren  F. Tetro, General Manager, West Point Internet Radio, West Point, PA, USA, Jan 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, both at 2201 Thursday Jan 8 and 0001 UT Friday Jan 9; fair signals. Next:

Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v

Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Podcasts:

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php/rmrc-service/2014-07-17-12-23-03>

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

<http://shortwave.am>

also provides comprehensive updated SW schedules sortable in a variety of ways; opening defaults to BBC listings

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed after 2130.5 Friday Jan 9 on WRMI, stronger on 7570 than // 15770. Next:

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday Jan 11 at 0231:03 on KVOH, 9975, very good signal and sufficient modulation with some hum; following 0222 carrier, 0223 tone and more open carrier, 0225 music prÈlude, 0230 sign-on and program summary. Next:

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed Sunday Jan 11 at 2300 on WRMI 11580, sufficient. And confirmed UT Monday Jan 12 at 0400 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5109+CUSB. Next:

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed Monday Jan 12 at 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395. Next:

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, UT Wednesday Jan 14 at 0401. Next:

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1755 monitoring: confirmed Wednesday Jan 14 at 1415 on WRMI 9955, good with no jamming. Also confirmed on webcasts Jan 14 at 2200 on WBCQ 7490v, and 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395, presumably also on the SW frequencies.

WORLD OF RADIO 1756 monitoring: confirmed first airing, UT Thursday Jan 15 at 0431 on WRMI 9955; just barely audible but loud & clear on the webcast. Also confirmed with good signal after 1330 Thursday on WRMI 9955; 2201 Thursday and 0001 UT Friday on Global 24 via WRMI 9395. Next:

Friday 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770
Saturday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Saturday 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sunday 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sunday 2300 on WRMI 11580
Monday 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB
Monday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wednesday 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokal 7265-CUSB
Wednesday 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wednesday 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wednesday 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: 7455, Rhein-Main Radio Club EDXCi14 Special broadcast via WRMI, Okeechobee transmitter. Special 2014 DX-Camp Hoherodskopf QSL Card for an English report to German address. Reply in 21 days. V/S: Heinz Schutz (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, CANADA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

QSL: BLUES RADIO INTERNATIONAL via WRMI Miami-Hialeah 9955 kHz (22.7.2013), Cartolina QSL in 266 giorni. E-rpt con MP3 inviato a: bluesradiointernational@gmail.com V/s: Jeff White. Il rapporto originale con CD MP3 inviato all'attuale indirizzo postale di Boca Raton-FL era tornato indietro come "Undelivered" (Luca Botto Fiora, Italy, Jan 10, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** U S A. 9395, Thu Jan 8 at 1345, Global 24 via WRMI, with 'Democracy Now' in progress, Amy Goodman with items about Missouri grand jury, Cuomo, Charlie right up until 1400 'Upstate Radio Theatre'. Did not check today whether DN repeated at 1500. Poor signal, weaker than ACI from 9400 KURDISTAN, q.v. on another date (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Seesaw --- I've been using a DSP radio lately, the Morphy Richards 27024, which is very finicky to tune but provides a good sound for my kind of shortwave listening. It is convenient for me that Global24 (9395) and the best ERTOpen frequency (9415/9420) are practically adjacent, because in my local evening I can easily switch back and forth between them [see also GREECE]. As I work at my desk each

evening (I'm a university teacher so I do that), I check these two fairly regularly. And as it happens they have similar habits: they come on strong for a night, and then disappear again. Like seesaws.

I am in eastern Newfoundland. I trail a wire out my window for an aerial, connecting it to the MR27024, while the Satellit 750 on the other side of the desk has a wire strewn around my window for an aerial. Since about a month ago, I have had sporadic reception of Global24, very poor most nights but powerful and clear other nights. Last night (11 Jan, in the 2200-0000 period) it wasn't there at all. But a few nights before, and again tonight, it's as clear as early November when it first came into being.

At this minute, 2315, Global 24 9395 is strong with Democracy Now. For the past hour or two, ERT's 9415 and 9935 were carrying an on-again-off-again ERTOpen signal. Until a few minutes ago; right now I am only hearing CRI's Vietnamese service on 9415 and a terrible buzz on 9915. Up and down (Philip Hiscock, NL, Jan 12, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BTW, Keith Perron says he is pulling all PCJ Radio programming off Global 24 as of Jan 12, for lack of contact with the management (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Effective January 12, 2015 PCJ is pulling all programs from Global 24 Radio. The reasons are very simple. No one returns any email or any form of message. Also a number of deals we have with them to relay G24R to Asia [fell thru] at the last minute. Each time it was a different excuse. And finally we have been informed that a number of people have not been paid for their work. What started out as an excellent idea crashed as soon as it started (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It's a shame. A great idea, but I suspect one needs very deep pockets to embark on a global commercial SW project. 73, (Walt Salmaniaw, Victoria, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Things started going downhill about 3 weeks after they started (Keith Perron, Taiwan, ibid.)

Certainly gave a lot of exposure to PCJ programs on 9395. Next ones scheduled had been: Tue 22-23 Happy Station, Wed 0430-0500 Media Network Plus (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A tweet today: "Global24?@Global24Radio 2h2 hours ago
We are in the process of updating our program schedule. Please check back on Thursday when the updates are complete."
(via Mike Terry, Jan 13, dxldyg via DXLD)

In late December the Global 24 president said many good things were planned for January. I posted a question on their forum board tonight asking where all of these station related improvement were. The "prez" responded with basically saying don't expect anything, anytime soon at least in the next few months. The communication, more so the lack of communication has really frustrated many listeners which is evident in their forum and also in emails I have had with other listeners. It was such a great idea in the beginning but now it seems to me, to be on life support. Maybe they should change their name to Spruce Goose 24 - -- everything is there, it just never got off the ground (Chris Campbell, Columbus Ohio, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The PCJ pullout apparently got thru. I now see some replacements on the program grid:

Tue 22-23 Rick Steves Travel

Wed 0430-05 Blues Radio International

So it's not exactly crashed - (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DXLD)

9395, Tue Jan 13 at 2203, Global 24 via WRMI with new show 'Travel with Rick Steves', starting with Lake Titicaca; replacing The Happy Station, as Keith Perron has pulled PCJ programs from G24.

9395, next check after 0200 Wed Jan 14, now it's amid 'Frequencycast' which doesn't seem to deal in frequencies, VG signal. After WORLD OF RADIO at 0401, 'Blues Radio International' has replaced 'Media Network Plus' as confirmed on webcast before 0500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Never mind: apparently worked things out. Keith Perron says PCJ programs are back on Global 24 as of Jan 15-16 (Glenn Hauser, dXLD)

** U S A. 9955, Wed Jan 14 after 2300, 'Chelmsford Calling World Service' heard at new time on WRMI. Publicity claims it's every Wednesday at this hour now, but I think there is only one new program per month; combining media news with music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WBCQ The Planet from Jan 6, including Brother Stair is back again on 7490:

0000-0200 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Daily

0100-0200 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English CUSB Sat

0100-0500 5110vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English CUSB Sat-Mon

0200-0400 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Mon

0200-0400 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Tue-Sun Bro Stair

0400-0500 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Mon-Sat

0400-0500 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Sun Brother Stair

1800-2200 15420 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English CUSB Daily

2000-2200 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Mon-Fri
2200-2300 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Sun
2200-2300 15420 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English CUSB Sun
2300-2400 9330 BCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English CUSB Mon-Fri
2300-2400 7490vBCQ 050 kW / 245 deg ENAm English Daily
5110v=5109.8 7490v=7489.9 (DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov
and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

5109.68 approx., CUSB, Jan 11 at 0205, WBCQ with unusually good signal
rather than JBA here, bluegrass music. 0206 Allan Weiner addresses
``Ladies & Gentlemen``, a trademark of his, referring to 7415, so an
old, old, playback, NBC chimes and melange of other sounds.

** U S A. 5110-CUSB, Jan 14 at 0207, monthly `Electrospace Radio` is
on as scheduled via WBCQ, fair signal. I find it better to listen on
the PL-880 in AM mode than try to get the SSB offset just right for
the unfamiliar music. Frequent announcements, asking for reports, into
Tangerine Dream; 0215 I am not hearing it any more and BFO confirms
it's off completely; and that WBCQ cuts back on at *0217:23; 0220
`Sound of Silence` in electronic version (not real silence as before
0217). 0224 another break asking for reports to radio @
electrospaceradio.com I expect to listen to the hour online later:
<http://nelsonogden.wix.com/electro-space>
Later learnt that another unpirate client is on at 04-05 UT; I wonder
if 5110 stayed on between 03 and 04 with something? (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

** U S A. VORW --- My variety program will be on WBCQ every Tuesday
and Thursday evening from 11:00 PM eastern time until 12:00 Midnight
on 5110 kHz. [UT Wed & Fri 0400-0500]

It's a program consisting of talk for the first 15 minutes (Misc.
Discussion, News Headlines, Current Events) followed by music of
various genres and time periods for the remaining 45 minutes.

E-mails can be sent to vorwinfo@gmail.com

I've had one show air already and I'll try to keep this going for as
long as possible. I'm interested in seeing where this broadcast makes
it to and how it comes in. All the best, RW Observer (Jan 12,
Broadcast Announcements, hfunderground forum via WORLD OF RADIO 1756,
DXLD)

** U S A. KVOH Voice of Hope from Jan 1:
0000-0100 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm English Tue-Sat, additional
0100-0500 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm Eng/Spa Tue-Sat, additional
0230-0300 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm English Sun World of Radio
0230-0300 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm English Mon Wavescan

0300-0500 9975 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm English Sun/Mon
1400-2000 17775 VOH 050 kW / 100 deg CeAm Spanish Mon-Fri (DX RE MIX
NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

17775, Jan 13 at 1434, JBA carrier, maybe KVOH; next check at 1447
it's inbooming. One of these mornings I may monitor continuously to
hear the MUF shoot up, if that's what's happening over this sun-rising
path (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KVOH, 17775, 1/13/15, heard at 1800 UT with a good signal, English ID,
frequency, and into Spanish religious program (Larry Zamora, Garland,
TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WTWW, 9930, 1/8/15, heard with strong signal at 2233 UT with
continuous rock music, (Never Rains in California, Tie a Yellow
Ribbon, Indian Reservation) from various decades; ID at 2200 [sic;
means 2300?] UT and more continuous music. Also heard next day,
1/9/15, 9930 at 2155 with same program format (Larry Zamora, Garland,
TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930, Jan 9 at 0108, music at very poor level, and 9475 talk is also
very poor, no doubt the WTWWs failing to propagate, and even more so
12105 if on, no signal at all. Nothing on 5085 or 5830 yet where they
surely would be audible.

12105, Jan 10 at 2211 check, WTWW-3 is off instead of Bibling
Worldwide. It's always something as one transmitter or another has
issues for lack of proper maintenance. But WTWW-2 is on 9930 with rock
music.

5085, Jan 13 at 0650, WTWW-2 is off. It had been running 24h(?) with
rock music. Tuning up to 5830 for WTWW-1, that cuts off SFAW at 0650*
just as I tune in! Next check at 1357, all WTWW transmitters off ---
no 5085, 5830, 9475, 9930 (and at this hour 12105 would not be on
anyway). Still nothing on any of them at 1435, 1449, 1506 rechex.

Another check at 1715, all still seem off --- but wait, 9475 is on
with PPPP but very poor signal, must be only a few kW, e.g. compared
to 9980 WWCR blasting in. R. Australia is also on 9475 allegedly until
1900, for now, so at 1728 I rerecheck to be positive which one I'm
hearing: yep, no possible confusion between the preposterous
proclamations of passÉ PPP, and what would be rational talk from RA.

12105, Jan 14 at 0210, also very poor, must be WTWW-3; earlier in the
afternoon of Jan 13 I noticed it was on again with non-English
Bibling. WTWW-1 is also on at 0210 with PPPP on 5830, but WTWW-2 is on
neither 5085 nor 9930.

5085, Jan 14 at 0646, WTTW-2 with gospel music, ``Rock of Ages`` --- this has been on a lot lately, but not always. Jan 15 at 0636 replaced by open carrier/dead air except hum. Wake up, Ted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505+, Jan 9 at 0203 and later, WRNO is AWOL again, for how long this time? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRNO off air? I haven't noticed WRNO on 7505 for a while now. Anyone know what's going on with them? 73, (Walt Salmaniw, 0458 UT Jan 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Walt, Jan 13, heard WRNO back on the air again, but only intermittently, with EZL music. Heard at 0209 on 7505.24v; at 0222 off the air; heard 0237 on 7505.30v and 0250 on 7505.28v and final check at 0302 off the air (Ron Howard, California, ibid.)

7505+, Jan 14 at 0218, WRNO is still AWOL, altho Ron Howard did hear it intermittently the night before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

USA: McAfee warns against the website of WRNO (www.wrnoradio.com). (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener 14 January 2015, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hmmm, but who will warn us about McAfee? (gh)

** U S A. WEWN, 31220 [2 x 15610], beautiful signal this afternoon, but no sign of the parasitic spurs mentioned by GH.

On the 8th there was an annoying het from an unID carrier on 31222 but today there was no QRM at all. 31220 is better than the fundamental here in afternoons; also it can mostly be listened to in glorious wideband 15 kHz AM bandwidth with no splatter.

The other Harmonic noted was 35580, R Africa, Okeechobee, 2 x 17790, never better than weak, first noted 1358 UT, improving later.

RX: Icom IC-7000 + cb whip; QTH: mow cop (high spot on Staffordshire/Cheshire border) -- (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, Executive Committee Member & Social Media Co-ordinator #KresySiberia, Jan 11, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

** U S A. WINB from Dec 21, 2014:

1230-1500	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Sun
1500-1845	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Sat/Sun
1845-2145	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Daily
2145-2200	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm Eng/Spa Mon-Fri
2145-2200	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Sat/Sun
2200-2330	9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Daily

2330-2400 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm Spanish Mon
2330-2400 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Tue-Sun
0000-0230 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Daily
0230-0300 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Sat-Thu
0300-0330 9265 INB 050 kW / 242 deg CeAm English Sat/Sun/Tue-Thu
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

** U S A. 690, Friday Jan 9 at 1407 UT, I remember to check KGGF
Coffeyville KS, whether they are playing another episode of
'Perspective' from KSU like last week at this same hour --- no, so as
I suspected that was holiday filler, but well worth a regular spot,
which possibly it has elsewhen. This roster
<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/News/p.aspx?tabid=61>
shows KGGF does carry it with an X in the block, but time unknown like
most of the three other KSU shows and affiliates: someone needs to
research complete info!

Now instead it's a local KGGF talk show about the new state
legislative session. 1447 UT recheck, obits including scheduling of
funerals. KGGF identifies first with Independence KS, tho COL remains
Coffeyville --- each populated about 10K in 2010y (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 820, Jan 9 at 0141 UT, another try at the other talk station
in English I have been hearing mixing with WBAP, and rather readable
with WBAP nulled: it's 'The Savage Nation' and tonight the SAH is only
32/minute = 0.53 Hz which is closer to the offset of WWBA Largo FL for
a couple years ago on the mwoffsets list.

Does The Savage Nation website list WWBA as an affiliate?
<http://www.michaelsavage.wnd.com/wp-content/themes/savage-theme/affiliatesmap.php>
NO, altho it does have WBAP but at a totally different time, as the
only 820 affiliate anywhere, anywhen.
At least this anti-American, puke-inspiring talkshow lists all
affiliates on one page making it easy to search, altho outdated.

But what do they know? WWBA itself DOES list Savage at 6-9 pm ET = 23-
02 UT:
<http://www.newstalkflorida.com/820-news-program-schedule/>

So I'm quite sure it's WWBA as the DF also fits, but the night power
and pattern do not: 1 kW to the SE with a null toward WBAP and pretty
much toward us too! While 50 kW day pattern has two major lobes, one
to the N and another to the SSE, so if that's what's running now, long
after sunset, we are still way off the peaks, but at least not in a
deep low-power null. Florida stations of any power are quite rare here
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 870, Jan 9 at 0144 UT, with WWL nulled I hear --- Vietnamese! Not Can Tho, now 500 kW on 873, but Fort Worth TX, KFJZ, supposedly a 1 kW daytimer. NRC AM Log shows ETHnic, but all I ever hear is Viet, and slogan as R. Fortaleza which isn't Vietnamese either. FCC AM Query shows January SR/SS times for it are 1330-2345 UT. It might have been on an extra two hours with a few watts on a PSSA, except FCC correspondence file shows that was denied (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 920, Jan 12 at 0643 UT, 'Coast to Coast AM' interview about Bigfoot, loops NW/SE --- strangely, no sign of KYFR in IA, Family Radio with Harold Camping or religious music which usually dominates from the NE. Searching C2C station list, only fit is KVEL in Vernal UT; others on 920 in MI, OH, RI, CA. KVEL night pattern is supposed to head NE with 1 kW, but must be on day pattern of 5 kW ND. I've heard it several times before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060 WLNO has gone bust and off air. Just checking WLNO's day pattern which read off air. Their website has this notice:-

``WLNO-AM, New Orleans, LA --- By order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado Media Services Group has been retained to sell the assets of the foregoing radio stations currently owned and operated by Communicom Corp. of America, LLC, et al. All interested parties should contact Media Services Group to obtain additional information`` Best wishes (Barry :-) Davies, Carlisle UK, Jan 11, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** U S A. [continued from MEXICO, XERDO, KIJN:] 1060: Then I rotate again to hear a third station, from the west thru the KIJN carrier, 0230 UT Jan 14, ID as KXPL, El Paso, TX --- a 10 kW daytimer way after sunset, like KIJN is too --- got to keep up with each other! Must be quite a clash across southern New Mexico {for that matter, two 10 kW NDs that close to each other must make a mess in the daytime on groundwave.}

Meanwhile, it's confirmed that 1060 WLNO New Orleans, which used to have a tight night lobe aimed right at us, is gone --- Barry Davies, UK, posted to the MW Circle yg Jan 11: [as above]
<http://www.msgdeals.com/WLNOlanding.html>

Radioinsight.com had this back on June 25, 2014: ``The four buyers have been revealed for the stations auctioned off on behalf of Communicom bringing in a total of \$2.15 million. . . First Citizens Bank & Trust, the lender for Christian Preaching 1060 WLNO New Orleans receives that station for \$725,000`` --- but it's unclear whether the facility may eventually return to the air under some other ownership.

Read more at:

<http://radioinsight.com/blog/headlines/88666/communicom-stations-to-be-auctioned-off/>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1150, Jan 13 at 1343 UT, ``11-50 Oldies Radio`` and PSA with 915 AC, then Beatles' ``Can't Buy Me Love`` from E/W. So it is of course KHR0 El Paso TX again, 5000/380 watts U1 but it's still before sunrise. Dominating rather than KSAL from the north (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1190, Jan 11 at 0218 UT, Rosary in English briefly overcomes the QRM, from NE/SW, so surely the recent acquisition by EWTN in Kansas City MO, KPHN, 5000/500 watts.

Later: I search radio-locator.com on KPHN as I want to see whether their map puts the transmitter site in KS or MO, but what comes up? 1360 in El Dorado KS! It is another EWTN station, but call there has been KAHS, per NRC AM Log. It's just NE of Wichita. To confuse matters further, station's address is in Tulsa OK!! What happens if I search radio-locator.com on KAHS? I get KAHS-LP FM in Aberdeen WA 106.5!

Bringing up their full list of KC MO stations, we find that 1190 is now KDMR. That nighttime coverage map cross is SE of KC, i.e. in MO.

FCC AM Query agrees that the call of 1360 El Dorado is now KPHN, since last August 14, so that change just missed the editorial deadline for the 2014-2015 NRC AM log. And on the same date, 1190 changed from KPHN to KDMR. One wonders, why bother, and what significance each call has to the Catholic Radio Network (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1203.5 kHz presumed WBML Macon, GA. Massive snow storm still ongoing here, so I wanted to see how the D-KAZ would perform tonight while the lower section is buried under snow. No problem!

At 0100 UT I heard a c/w music station at 1203.5 kHz announcing FM 105.1. I never caught any call letters but I'm guessing this is coming from WBML again. I think it was one year ago in January that this one was being reported on 1203.5 and eventually traced to WBML in Macon. It's back and I'm still trying to figure out how to log/count this one :-) 73, (Tim Tromp, frozen Western Michigan, Perseus SDR + North/South D-KAZ, UT Jan 9, ABDX via DXLD)

Update on the 1203.5 spur. Looks like it was coming from WXXO 1150. Here's an mail received from station manager Chuck Wallace.

``Hey Rob, Sorry I didn't get back with you on your last email. Well,

the spur y'all are hearing isn't from WBML AM900. That station has been dark for a few months. Get this, some fool broke into the transmitter and stole parts out of it! While it was hot! Somehow managed not to kill himself. But he did get caught when he tried to scrap the parts at a recycler. They said they weren't sure what the parts were, but they knew they were something that were specialized and they guy should not have in his possession. So, they called the cops. The owner has decided not to make repairs and is selling the station. So, that said, the spur must be coming from our other station, AM1150. We are aware there is a problem and have contacted an engineer to tune its transmitter. Thanks for the heads up! Chuck Wallace` (Rob Keeney, Summerville SC, Jan 11, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 1220, Jan 11 at 0214 UT, I have a choice not of WHKW and XEB, but of an E/W station with local sports talk hosted by YL mentioning Senators and Christian Academy, during a live SBgame pause? And weaker from the N/S, South Asian music. The latter is surely KZEE Weatherford (Metroplex) TX, 1600/200 watts; the former, perpetual cheater WSLM Salem IN, 5000/82 watts. Its website shows plenty of sports but nothing specific about tonight, besides ``a little bit country, a little bit rock `n` roll``. Rather generic team names as above do exist in the area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Hi Glenn, Very interesting propagation on MW tonight. I heard this:

1360, Alabama, WMOB, Mobile. 0355-0440 UT January 8, 2015. Religious country music, followed by clear ID at 0400; maintaining excellent 55455 signal. A sermon followed, then another ID at 0432. Signal was fading down past 0440. Radio-Locator shows 9000/200 U4, both patterns with their main lobe south, and not much coming north. Even if they were cheating, it still does seem unusual that I could hear them. Maybe the K7 disturbance yesterday has something to do with it. My first Mobile, AL logging (Steve Zimmerman, Milwaukee, WI, HQ129X receiver and 40 meter 1/2-wave dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WMOB has a reputation of hostility toward DXers (gh, DXLD)

1360, WMOB Mobile AL; Jan/6 0426, English, VG. Blasting away with daytime power rather than their 200 Watts nighttime pattern! Female with a URL for a dotcom address at 0426 Tune In. Female with several program promos on WMOB. Male DJ gave ID as; "You are tuned to WMOB Mobile" at 0427. Into Gospel Music Program at 0428. RELOG. 9 kW days/200 Watts nights (Rob Ross, London ON, Drake R8B + 180' LW, MARE Tipsheet 9 Jan via DXLD)

** U S A. 1600, Jan 14 at 0226 UT, a bit o` norteña music amid the QRM from Denver, St Louis, some Vietnamese from The Metroplex, seems to

peak N/S, so presumed KOKE Pflugerville [a fine Hispanic name, Austin TX market], which per NRC AM Log is ``puro norteño'', 5000/700 watts U4. Cant' shows only two XEs left on 1600, not including XEAE Acuña any more, which per IRCA had been ``Tejano'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. UNIDENTIFIED. 1690, 12/31 1050 [EST = 0850 MST] ethnic music, man in either Hmong or Vietnamese. CHTO Toronto, ON has this format, but it would be a miracle to hear them at this hour on Radio Shack 20-629. Other possibilities are KDDZ in CO (they are Radio Disney outlet) and KFSG in CA (they are religious Spanish language station and this was NOT Spanish). I'm stumped (Brian Rachford, Prescott AZ, 6-foot tuned loop + 23-foot tuned vertical + Quantum Phaser + RTL-SDR, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 17 via DXLD)

Maybe it's a part 15 or pirate in your area. I know there is some such activity in Flagstaff, altho one would not think enough of those ethnicities to provoke a station. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid to Brian, via DXLD)

1690 is KFSG which broadcasts in Hmong and Russian in addition to Spanish. Somehow my response to the original log with the correct identification got listed as the original log without my added notes. I've frequently caught them in Russian after work on the car radio. (Brian Rachford, AZ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. I located the pirate station I reported the other day on 87.9. It is located in the Orangeburg County, SC, town of Cope just across the street from the Edisto Fire Department station. It must be running substantial power because I attended a family dinner today at a church eleven miles from its location and received it with only moderate picket fencing on my car radio (Bob Smoak, Bamberg, S. C., Jan 11, ABDX via DXLD)

** VATICAN. Vatican Radio on Jan 6, live from St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis presides at the recitation of the Angelus Prayer:
1100-1115 on 9645 SMG 100 kW / 330 deg to WeEu
1100-1115 on 11740 SMG 250 kW / 004 deg to EaEu
1100-1115 on 11740 SMG 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu
1100-1115 on 15595 SMG 100 kW / 319 deg to WeEu
1100-1115 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 113 deg to N/ME
1100-1115 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 185 deg to CeAf
1100-1115 on 21560 SMG 250 kW / 223 deg to WeAf
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/vatican-radio-on-jan6-live-from.html>

On January 7 live from the Chapel of the Annunciation of Palazzo Pio, Oriental Liturgy in Byzantine-Ukrainian rite, for the celebration of Christmas, according to the Julian Calendar:

from 0800 on 9850 SMG 125 kW / 055 deg to EaEu
from 0800 on 11740 SMG 250 kW / 058 deg to EaEu
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/vatican-radio-live-oriental-liturgy-in.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015,
via DXLD)

Unscheduled broadcasts of Vatican Radio observed Jan 10:
1933-1940 6070 SMG 100 kW / 004 deg to EaEu Bulgarian and then German
1933-1940 6070 SMG 100 kW / 326 deg to WeEu Bulgarian and then German
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/unscheduled-broadcasts-of-vatican-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #890 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 13, 2015
via DXLD)

Thanks to a tip from Michael Stevenson on WRTH Facebook, Vatican Radio heard with a special broadcast in English this morning on 21710 kHz, scheduled 0945-1100 UT. Currently (at 1020) the Pope is speaking in English on his visit to Sri Lanka. Good reception on a clear frequency. 73s (Dave Caversham AOR7030+ 25m longwire Kenny, Jan 14, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

See also various special broadcasts this night at 0300 UT, and from Friday on Pope's visit to the Philippines too.
<http://en.radiovaticana.va/special-broadcast>
<http://it.radiovaticana.va/trasmissioni-speciali>
wolfy (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] Vatican Radio (Via USA [IBB Greenville, violating Separation of Church and State --- gh]), 9610, 1/12/15, solid, strong signal, heard at 1230 UT s/on with ID signal and Spanish programming; News, 1238 with ID: "Radio Vaticana -- La Voz Del Papa" (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 7903-USB, Ho Chi Minh Radio, 1451, Jan 13. Thanks very much to David Crawford (Florida) for the alert about what is a new frequency for me. Caught the ending message in English - "Vessels in vicinity advised to keep a sharp lookout and please report directly any related information to Vietnam Coast Radio Station. This is Ho Chi Minh Radio, over.î Seems that 7903-USB is not broadcasting when 7906-USB is on the air. Needs a lot more monitoring of 7903-USB, to get some idea of their schedule. Outstanding work by David to come up with this frequency, as I never would have found it on my own!

7906-USB // 8294-USB, Ho Chi Minh Radio at 1305 on Jan 11, just after the beginning rapid series of tones, with "Mayday, all stations, all stations, all stations. This is Ho Chi Minh Radio, mayday," message in English; ending with "Vessels in vicinity advised to keep a sharp

lookout and please report directly any related information to Vietnam Coast Radio Station. This is Ho Chi Minh Radio, over. At 1313, after the ending rapid series of tones, heard ONLY on 8294-USB, with "Navigational Warning" in English. Fairly clear audio at <https://app.box.com/s/sci6jmsrbv62iadyehg2>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. Dear friends, this year many of the listeners asked us Q: Will new models QSL-cards. In 2015, the Russian edition Radio <Voice of Vietnam> plans to develop a new model for the QSL-cards satisfying the desires of our favorite students (transfer from "Contact Us" Radio "Voice of Vietnam" from 27.12.2014)

-
Received QSL-cards from the Japanese edition of "Voice of Vietnam" for the reception 26/11/2014, at a frequency of 9840 kHz. The card - Dao ethnic girl do. The report sent by electronic mail: vovjapanese @ yahoo.com

-
Received QSL-cards from the Spanish edition of "Voice of Vietnam" for the reception 29.11.2014, 1800-1827 UT on frequency 9730 kHz. The card - a place Kien Giang. The report sent by electronic mail: vovmundo @ gmail.com (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX Jan 11 via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. SRI LANKA(non), Adventist World Radio in Vietnamese at new time [AND SITE!] in B-14:
1400-1500 17670 TRM 125 kW / 075 deg SEAs, instead of Madagascar tx
1300-1400 17670 MDC 250 kW / 060 deg SEAs used by more than 11 years
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/adventist-world-radio-in-vietnamese-at.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #889 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Jan. 11, 2015, via DXLD)

** YEMEN. On January 9 Radio Sana'a in English was back again on shortwave: 1800-1900 on 6135*ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME, after last broadcast on Dec 22. Videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-sanaa-in-english-was-back-again.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

January 9: Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1800 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFpn3RHfUcU&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1815 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oA-Ft4WTWjI&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non] Checked on various remote SDR net units, all over Europe, Russia, Australia, and Japan. NOTHING heard from Sanaa transmitter Jan 10th at 1800-1815 UT. Only Korean outlet, seemingly standby North Korean jamming heard on exact 6135.009 kHz footprint at 1815 UT, heard in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Moscow. Wb (Wolfgang B. schel, ibid.)

Radio Sana'a in Arabic before and after 1500 UT --- Radio Sana'a in Arabic on 6135 again on air -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, 1527 UT Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Sana'a in Arabic was back on shortwave on January 13:
1438-1500 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME+unscheduled program
1500-1545 on 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME with 9 video clips:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/radio-sanaa-in-arabic-was-back-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1240+, Jan 11 at 0216 UT, low audible heterodyne still here against the 1240.0 pileup, looping WNW/ESE hinting at Colorado or maybe Arkansas. Someone with tight selectivity and antenna aiming, but best of all proximity preferably in the daytime, might be able to pull an ID (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1540, Jan 11 at 0706 UT, something mixing with KEDA, in English, ID sounds like ``America's Best Music on 1540 KWHN Radio``. But letters must be only fuzzily similar. ABM is a Westwood One syndicated format. Most similar call is KDYN in Ozark AR, 500/1 watt, but I can't find a format match on their website <http://www.kdyn.com> where it's apparently a duplicate of True Country 92.7 KLYR.

Googling for other ABM's on 1540 leads to KBOA Kennett MO, 1000/1 watt; and WBCO in Bucyrus OH, 500 watt daytimer. KBOA brands itself as Music of Your Life, which is close to ABM, in case there has been a change. WBCO website <http://wbco.com> does not use either brand, but the music format fits (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. Weirdness on 7405 and 7365 kHz --- Is what I'm hearing on 7405 kHz some sort of jamming, a messed up transmitter or something else? I'm hearing a weird pulsing type signal around 7365 kHz (plus or minus a few) that may be a spur of it; best heard in SSB. Never heard on either frequency before. I'm on the West Coast (Dennis Gibson, CA, Sent from my iPhone, 0551 UT Jan 9, ABDX via dXLD)

It is not weird at all for me. Heard any night. It's Cuban jamming against Radio Marti which uses both frequencies. But the jamming (at least residual pulsing) runs long hours beyond when RM is actually on them. The jamming ramps up to a wall-of-noise level when RM is transmitting. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9209.5-LSB, Jan 14 at 0215, 2-way in Spanish
intermittent, not intruding into a broadcast band (Glenn Hauser, OK,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 21460, Jan 8 at 1444, huge open carrier until off at
1445*; while Saudi 21505 and Kuwait 21540 are only poor. Has got to be
an eastern US site, WHRI, GB, or WRMI. I seem to recall that 21460 was
once a YFR frequency.

21460, just after posting my last log, heard back from Jeff White that
it was not WRMI which I heard with big open carrier until 1345* Jan 8.
That leaves WHRI or Greenville (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

~~~~~  
UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

+++++

ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1756:

Keep up the good work! Cheers Helmut (Henning Vahlbruch, Germany, with  
a contribution in Euro via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Thanks to Donna K. Ring, Baltimore MD, for a check in the mail to P O  
Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

Happy New Year! Enclosed please find a postal money order. Thank you  
for your continued work producing DX Listening Digest and World of  
Radio! (Robert W. Gruska, Glendale NY, to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

Mike Massa: I hope this helps, Glenn! (Sent using the PayPal Mobile  
application) to woradio at yahoo.com

Estimado Guillermo, Gracias por tu maravilloso servicio al mundo de  
los Diexistas; y quizas tambien a los extraterrestres si tienen linea  
internet! hi! 73s (Dario Monferini, Italy)

Thanks for all your great work and efforts to our hobby (Chris  
Campbell, Columbus Ohio)

PUBLICATIONS

+++++

Updated:

World of Radio schedules:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

DX/SWL/Media Programs:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html>

Alan Roe's Hitlist of SWBC stations:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/hitlist.htm>

73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EiBi Schedules:

New as of January 13, 2015 in Schedules section. Posted Jan 14, 2015

<http://www.kg4lac.com>

73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CQ COMBINING JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUES, CLOSING CQ PLUS DIGITAL  
SUPPLEMENT === Southgate January 9, 2015

[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/january/  
cq\\_closing\\_cq\\_plus\\_digital\\_supplement.htm](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/january/cq_closing_cq_plus_digital_supplement.htm)

CQ magazine today announced that it will be publishing a combined  
January/February 2015 issue and will be ceasing publication of its 'CQ  
Plus' digital edition supplement as of the March 2015 issue.

Both moves are intended to help restore the magazine's normal schedule  
for its print edition and to strengthen its foundations moving forward  
as it enters its eighth decade of publication, said Publisher Dick  
Ross, K2MGA.

"These decisions were not made lightly," he added, "but in recognition  
of the realities of the publishing industry. It's a tough time to be  
in the magazine business, and we appreciate the patience and loyalty  
of both our readers and our advertisers."

CQ will continue to publish both print and digital editions, but the  
digital edition will no longer contain the 50-60 additional pages each  
month that constituted " CQ Plus." Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, noted  
that he hopes to include some former CQ Plus content within the pages  
of CQ, but says ham radio will remain the magazine's primary focus, as  
it has been for the past seven decades. CQ is marking its 70th  
anniversary of publication as of its January/February issue.

As a consequence of the changes, CQ Plus Editor Richard Fisher, KI6SN,  
will be leaving the CQ staff after serving for many years as a  
columnist for, and then as editor of, Popular Communications,  
WorldRadio Online and CQ Plus. He was also CQ magazine's Emergency  
Communications Editor. "We will miss Richard's many contributions to

CQ's products," noted Moseson, "and thank him for his many years of service to our readers."

Subscribers to both the print and digital editions of CQ will have their subscriptions extended by one month due to the combined January/February issue. Posted by: (Mike Terry, Jan 10, dxldyg via DXLD)

Well, so much for any SWL content. Guess I'll let my subscription lapse (Walt Salmaniw, BC, ibid.)

#### MUNDO RADIO EN ISLA TELEVISI" N

La AER os presenta el programa 'Mundo Radio' que dirige y presenta Enrique Brea P  rez, con la colaboraci  n de Manel Castro Vinagre, que se emite los viernes por Isla Televisi  n, la televisi  n por cable de San Fernando, y que est   disponible en YouTube en <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg5mvBgOLU-Gs2Tz-g99Ftx3YRSRWXSg9>

Dado su inter  s, os ofrecemos todos los programas disponibles: Mundo <http://aer.org.es/archivos/2116>

Un saludo cordial (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, Espa  a, COORDINADOR GENERAL, ASOCIACI  N ESPA  OLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER), noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

Yes, appears to be a DX program including SW matters, on cable-access TV. 15 Episodes range from 60 to 90+ minutes (gh, DXLD)

#### BROADCASTING IN RUSSIAN HANDBOOK

Media ===== 17th edition of the popular "Broadcasting in Russian" Handbook, edited by the St. Petersburg DX Club, has been released at the end of December 2014. The Handbook features various radio stations that transmit programs in the Russian language on short and medium waves as by December 23, 2014. Station listings include frequency and program schedules, transmitter location and power, target areas, postal addresses, phone/fax numbers, Web sites, social network pages, e-mail addresses as well as QSL policy info. The schedules are generally valid until March 29, 2014 (i.e. during B14 broadcasting season).

The Handbook is only distributed as a hard copy. Volume is 52 pages of A5 size. Please address your purchase requests to: Alexander Beryozkin, P.O.Box 463, St. Petersburg, 190000, Russia or by e-mail: [dxspb@nrec.spb.ru](mailto:dxspb@nrec.spb.ru)  
The price is 5 EUR or 8 USD. Both cash (by post) and electronic payments via Skrill (in EUR) or PayPal (in USD) to the e-mail [alex@nrec.spb.ru](mailto:alex@nrec.spb.ru) are accepted. Your comments and suggestions regarding

the Guide content are always welcome! (Alexander Beryozkin, President, St. Petersburg DX Club, Russia, RusDX Jan 11 via DXLD)

#### PLAYDX PAPELERO INTERRUPTIDO

Estimado Guillermo, Desde enero yo ha interrumpido la edicion del playdx papelero; problema de mi maquina Olivetti 32 L que se rompió definitivamente en Noviembre y no se pude reparar. 73s (Dario Monferini, Italy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, quite a legacy-format document, produced on manual typewriter into 2014y, and then availablized by pdf; content separate from the Edition. Pero sigue en forma electr nica (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

#### MEDIUM WAVE NEWS ARCHIVING

The Circle used to offer older copies of MWN for sale on CD, but we couldnit find any volunteers to make the CDs and despatch them, so we removed these from sale last year. It is our intention, as time permits, to place all the old copies of MWN we have in an archive on the Medium Wave Circle website at

[http://www.mwcircle.org/member\\_archive.htm](http://www.mwcircle.org/member_archive.htm)

These copies are publicly available to all DXers at no charge.

If you visit the site you will see that Herman has already uploaded copies dating back to 2004 into the archive ñ more will follow when he has some spare time. We have copies of MWN on file dating back to 1953, with some gaps, although 3 volumes have yet to be scanned into pdf files. Best regards (Martin A Hall, Scotland, Treasurer, MWC, Jan 10, MWCircle yg via DXLD) This might as well be in next category

#### MUSEA

+++++

#### UNIQUE SIGN-OFFS

Do any of you remember a unique sign-off from a daytime-only station in your DX career? As I was preparing Eastern DX Roundup for Issue 52-18, I ran across Kraig Krist's log of WLWL 770 Rockingham, NC. During my earliest days in this hobby, the station was on 1500 kHz before moving to 770 during the 1980s. A number of East Coast DXers, if my memory serves me well, remember this one signing off with Henry Mancini's version of the theme from the 1963 movie "The Pink Panther".

One sign-off I remember from my days DXing from Woodstock and Marietta, GA (1988-1992) is the one from WTAK 1000 (now at 106.1 FM; the AM is now WDJL) Huntsville, AL. This one is one of the more obnoxious sign-off announcements I've ever heard. The announcer

complains about the station not being able to stay on at night to protect stations in Chicago (then WLUP) and Mexico City (XE0Y), even going as far as to call them "Yankees" and "Gringos". And you thought the Civil War was over a long time ago, hi!

Since moving back to Hazelwood, I've heard WTAK on 106.1 (licensed to Hartselle AL); I logged this during a tropo opening in August 1998. I only worked at one daytime-only AM station in my entire radio career, which was WFTD 1080 Marietta, GA. It was a simple sign-off over a background of instrumental Christian music; not even the owner of the station (Pneuma, Incorporated, which was a ministry of Roswell Street Baptist Church) was mentioned. It was hearing that music so many times in the three years I worked there that helped me log the station from Hazelwood on January 4 1993.

Some news from this end: No word yet on the sales of KFNS 590 and WSDZ 1260; the sale of KFNS to a Christian group has not yet been finalized, according to recent newspaper accounts. WSDZ is still going with Radio Disney programming; it'll be some time before that station is sold. KXFN 1380 is still chugging along with Extreme Talk; they're daytime only now because they lost the lease on their nighttime transmitter site.

I've also noticed that KSIV 1320 and KHOJ 1460 have tweaked their nighttime signals toward my location. I can only put tight nulls on these stations now; they were easier to null just a few months ago. On 1320, I can only hear KEL0 in KSIV's null; on 1460, I can only hear WKAM in KHOJ's null. By the time you read this, WQXX 1490 will be starting its local sports programming from 0800 to 1900 ELT; it's a time buy, similar to the arrangement at WGNU 920. I'd like to wish everyone good DX in 2015! 73 (Eric Bueneman (N0UIH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, Missouri 63042-1347, IRCA DX Monitor Jan 10 via DXLD)

HISTORY OF OFFSHORE RADIO - ON AIR RECORDINGS OF RADIO NORTHSEA INTERNATIONAL, RADIO CAROLINE, RADIO ATLANTIS AND RADIO LONDON 1600-1700 on 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu, from 1758 co-ch CRI Russian: Channel 292 relay via GERMANY  
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/01/channel-292-relay-history-of-offshore.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Jan 11, dxld yg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY  
+++++

ADDING A 'LEAP SECOND' TO THE CLOCK THIS YEAR MAY CAUSE COMPUTER PROBLEMS --- By Kelly Dickerson,

June 30 will be a second longer than any other day this year.



A "leap second" needs to be added in 2015 to make sure the time on atomic clocks stays in sync with Earth's rotational time, but some Internet companies are dreading the day.

Earth's rotation has been slowing down by about two thousandths of a second every day. But atomic clocks, which are now accurate up to quadrillionths of a second, don't change pace. While this situation isn't an immediate problem, it would eventually cause clocks to become so out of sync with Earth's rotation that they would read noon during the dead of night.

"Earth is slowing down over geological time, and that can lead to a problem when you've got a ton of clocks," said Demetrios Matsakis, chief scientist for time service at the U.S. Naval Observatory. "What do you do when the day gets longer?"

The solution that the International Earth Rotation Service came up with is to add a second every now and then to keep the standard atomic time in sync with Earth's time. This year, the extra second is scheduled for the midway point in the year, just before midnight [UT !!] on June 30.

This will be the 26th leap second added to a calendar year since the practice began in 1972. In the past, the extra second has messed with computer systems. The last leap second was added in 2012, and it caused problems for such companies as Reddit, LinkedIn, Gizmodo and FourSquare.

The problem is that during the leap second, a computer's clock shows 60 seconds instead of simply rolling over to the next minute, or it shows the 59th second twice. The computer sees a leap second as time going backward, Matsakis said, and registers this as a system error that can overload its central processing unit.

To skirt the problem, Google will add a millisecond to its servers every once in a while throughout the year. This way, the slowed-down servers won't notice when an extra second is slipped in. Another good way to avoid any trouble is to simply shut down a computer system for an hour or two around the leap second, Matsakis said.

But many programmers are oblivious to leap seconds, and this can cause problems. The additional seconds happen so infrequently and so irregularly that it makes it difficult for computer companies to catch on to the problem. While Reddit, LinkedIn, Gizmodo and FourSquare will likely remember the lesson they learned three years ago, sites that didn't experience any issues are likely still "blissfully unaware," Matsakis said.

The leap second could put more than just computer systems at risk. It's a little over-cautious, Matsakis admits, but he said he would not want to be on board a plane during a leap second. The extra second has been known to interrupt GPS receivers, which could be a problem for pilots.

The leap second is a more subtle correction than a leap year. The leap year rule (adding an extra day to February every four years keeps the Gregorian calendar pretty close to astronomical reality. It does so by correcting for the 365.2422 days it takes for the Earth to travel around the sun, compared with the calendar's simple 365 days.

But Earth's rotation isn't perfect, and there are millisecond irregularities from year to year. Some fine-tuning is needed every so often, and a leap second is added in June or December. This is why June 30 this year will have 86,401 seconds instead of 86,400.

-- Live Science

The 7 Silliest Time Travel Concepts in Science Fiction

5 Fiery Facts About Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving: Do You Get the Time Change?

(c) The Washington Post Company (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS

+++++

[MW] DXpedition to Chesapeake Bay

I just returned from a short, cold and windy DXpedition to a house called Waters Edge near Fleeton, VA -- just a couple of roads down from a place I've been a few times in the past - Bay House.

Conditions were 'interesting' - both from a propagation and weather perspective. I'm still going through wav files and putting up sounds but you can have a look at what's there now and 'follow along' over the next week or so as I add more at this URL:

[http://realmonitor.com/am\\_logs\\_we.php](http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_we.php)

Highlights included, so far; Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, tons of Cubans and what must be nearly every station in Florida! Some of this on a night [Jan. 7-8] with an A index up well above 30 but a couple of de-telescoped masts on my 160' DKAZ facing ~145 degrees.

Anyway, now that I've had a chance to warm up, it was fun and educational -- NEVER buy crappy tie-wraps and expect them to last through REALLY cold weather and wind! (Bill Whitacre, Alexandria, VA,

Jan 12, NRC-AM via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See BRAZIL; INDIA; NIGERIA  
+++++

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See cANADA; MEXICO; OKLAHOMA  
+++++

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS  
+++++

Hi! I have a big problem with a special local noise apart from much 'normal<sup>a</sup> urban RFI. The noise cover nearly the entire shortwave band except the amateur band. It's obvious that the device producing the RFI must have a filter to avoid interfering the amateur band. It's nearly impossible to hear anything else. I do have a buried beverage that help me much as the noise on this is more less.

I have uploaded a recording on youtube of it. What can it be? I also wonder if a MFJ-1026 noise canceler will be able to cancel it? Anyone knows? The noise is very strong! Using a portable radio receiver it indicates that it comes from a close neighbor.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJpSHHjePgg>

Thanks! (Levi P. Iversen, Elverum - Norway, Jan 14, HCDX via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
+++++

THE WOODPECKER IS BACK

For those who remember the Cold War, the 'woodpecker' seems to be back. I am hearing it now, quite wide, on the 7 MHz band (J Kempster, London, 1806 UT Jan 9, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

It's been on 14 MHz for the last few years. But not heard it that low before (David, Sent from my iPhone Thorpe, UK, ibid.)

Not much strong in all Europe, weak in Ireland, Belgium, Germany, far northern Sweden Polar Circle, St.P., Moscow. But seemingly OTHR radar from China or Pacific? Australia? Heard stronger on various SDR units in Japan and Australia. OTHR range 7032 to 7196 kHz at 1809z (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

OTHR on 6215 at 2008 about S3-7 here in Blackpool on the loop which is on an E-W bearing; also the same level on the long wire. Regards (Ray Browell, UK, Jan 9, dxld yg via DXLD)

The IARU Europe bandwatch group just told me:

Re: [BDXC-UK] Woodpecker --- coming from China, 10 sps and 160 kHz  
broadband wide (Wolfgang B\_schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

NUMBER STATIONS: THE CREEPIEST, UNEXPLAINED THINGS ON THE AIRWAVES

[http://moviepilot.com/posts/2015/01/07/number-stations-the-creepiest-unexplained-things-on-the-airwaves-2565389?lt\\_source=external,manual](http://moviepilot.com/posts/2015/01/07/number-stations-the-creepiest-unexplained-things-on-the-airwaves-2565389?lt_source=external,manual)  
(via Bob Wilkner, FL, DXLD)

INTRODUCING THE VACUUM TRANSISTOR: A DEVICE MADE OF NOTHING  
Illustration: Chad Hagen

In September 1976, in the midst of the Cold War, Victor Ivanovich Belenko, a disgruntled Soviet pilot, veered off course from a training flight over Siberia in his MiG-25 Foxbat, flew low and fast across the Sea of Japan, and landed the plane at a civilian airport in Hokkaido with just 30 seconds of fuel remaining. His dramatic defection was a boon for U.S. military analysts, who for the first time had an opportunity to examine up close this high-speed Soviet fighter, which they had thought to be one of the world's most capable aircraft. What they discovered astonished them.

For one thing, the airframe was more crudely built than those of contemporary U.S. fighters, being made mostly of steel rather than titanium. What is more, they found the plane's avionics bays to be filled with equipment based on vacuum tubes rather than transistors. The obvious conclusion, previous fears aside, was that even the Soviet Union's most cutting-edge technology lagged laughably behind the West's.

After all, in the United States vacuum tubes had given way to smaller and less power-hungry solid-state devices two decades earlier . . .  
<http://spectrum.ieee.org/semiconductors/devices/introducing-the-vacuum-transistor-a-device-made-of-nothing>  
(via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

In late 1976, shortly after this incident, I remember Vladimir Posner saying on Radio Moscow's English Service to NAm "The vacuum tubes are to keep the control panel warm". In other words, a space heater for the pilot? (Steven Wiseblood, Harlingen, Texas, *ibid.*)

DRONES FIND NEW ANGLE ON TOWER CLIMBING  
by Paul McLane ñ Radio World News Bytes ñ January 7, 2015

This may be the start of a new art medium: Spectacular tower videos. A recently released video depicts a simple maintenance task yet captures the wonder many of us feel about broadcasting ó and in particular

about towers. You may have been asking yourself whether drones might affect the broadcast industry, perhaps as a tool for managers to inspect or view facilities from the air. But these are practical considerations. There is also the wow factor. The YouTube video of tower climber Kevin Schmidt of Sioux Falls Tower & Communications was posted in November and has attracted almost a million views. It was created by Prairie Aerial. Remember a trade photo years back taken by a photographer looking down at ERI's Tom Silliman as he worked atop the Empire State Building? This video takes that sensation to yet another level. A news story about the video by CNN  
<http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/06/media/drone-television-tower-video-south-dakota/index.html>

is an example of the news coverage: iWith one careful step after another, Schmidt made his ascent, climbing 1,500 feet above southeastern South Dakota's quilted prairie before ultimately reaching his summit. At the very top of a now-defunct television tower ó a casualty of the switch from analog to digital broadcasting ó Schmidt completed his climb with a fairly ordinary task.î Watch the video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=f1BgzIZRfT8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=f1BgzIZRfT8)  
(Jan CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

#### Station QRP

Welcome to STATION QRP --- 8 watts of roaring power on 6925 kHz  
QRP IS ALL ABOUT PROPAGATION, TIMING AND ANTENNA BASICS  
QRP website: Here is some Interesting information for fellow shortwave radio enthusiasts. Please check out this link:  
<http://www.stationqrp.com>  
Good Listening! 73s (Tom Taylor, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Low power pirate transmitter projects; European orientated (gh)

#### PROPAGATION

+++++

A MINHA HISTÓRIA NO DEXISMO DE EMISSORAS CARIBENHAS  
[Trans-Equatorial propagation, long haul to southern Brasil]

Desde o ano de 2004 (se eu não me engano) eu pratico o maravilhoso hobby do dexismo. Acabei descobrindo que aqui na região Sul, e algumas cidades do Sudeste, acontecem uma coisa incrível durante o período de Outubro a Março, que é as escutas de emissoras caribenhas em FM. Uma coisa que eu nunca imaginava, e depois que descobrir, eu me apaixonei. Várias escutas foram feitas no início, mais não resisti nada. Muitas coisas eu aprendi com o Cláudio Rêtulo de Moraes quando trabalhava em Florianópolis. Sobre o Claudio, não preciso falar dele, pois não há quem não conheça. Uma lenda do dexismo brasileiro, principalmente na faixa de FM. Outra pessoa que eu aprendi muito também foi o Rudolf W.

Grimm quando ele esteve visitando a minha bela cidade de Garopaba.

A partir de 2009 eu comecei a fazer gravação e deixar registrado a princípio em fita cassete, e logo em seguida pelo mp3 do meu Degen 1121. Hoje eu tenho tudo gravado desde 2009, então, essa lista que eu fiz abaixo, todos eles tem o áudio. Pensando nisso, eu decidi fazer uma lista de quantas emissoras caribenhas eu já escutei aqui na minha cidade desde 2009. Os números são impressionantes. 60 emissoras identificadas e mais 24 não identificadas, na qual peço ajuda para quem quiser me ajudar. Claro que pode ter algum erro, mais quem tiver alguma dúvida é só me pedir o áudio. vamos a lista:

- 88.1, DBS, Roseau, Dominica
- 88.3, Montserrat, ZJB
- 88.3, Medie 250, Martinica
- 88.5, RCI Martinique, Martinique
- 88.5, Power FM, Rep. Dominicana
- 88.7, Joy FM, Dominica,
- 88.7, Kairi FM, Roseau, Dominica
- 88.9, RFO, Guadeloupe
- 89.5, Frequence Caraïbes, Martinica
- 89.7, ICS, Martinique
- 89.7, Catholic Diocese Radio, Antigua Barbuda
- 89.7, Renuevo. Rep Dominicana
- 89.8, Haute tension, Guadeloupe
- 90.1, Joy FM, St Lucia
- 90.5, ABS Radio, Antigua Barbuda
- 90.7, BBS 90.7 FM, Barbados
- 90.7, Voice of life, Dominica
- 91.1, Observer radio, Antigua Barbudas
- 91.1, Voice of Life, Antigua Barbudas
- 91.2, RCI, Martinica
- 91.3, WIPR Porto Rico
- 91.5, Fame, Jamaica
- 92.5 WORO, Porto Rico
- 92.7, Fame FM, Jamaica
- 92.9, The Valley, Anguilla
- 92.9, Klass FM, Anguilla
- 92.9, Voice of Barbados, Barbados
- 93.1, Kairi FM, Roseau, Dominica
- 93.3, Heaven. Ilhas Cayman
- 93.3, Raybow [Rainbow??] Anguilla
- 94.3, RFO Radio Martinique, Martinique
- 94.5, The Wave, St Lucia
- 94.6, Zook Radio, Guadeloupe
- 94.7, CBC, Barbados
- 94.7, RJR 94 FM, Jamaica
- 95.0, RFO Martinica

95.1, Atlantic FM, Martinica  
95.5, ZJB, Montserrat  
95.5, Fame, Jamaica  
96.6, Europe 2, Guadeloupe  
97.1, ZDK, Liberty Radio International, Saint John's, Antigua Barbuda  
97.3, Radio Santa [sic] Lucia, Santa Lucia  
97.5, City sound, Grenada  
97.7, UP Beat, Anguilla  
97.9, WGOD, Ilhas Virgens Americanas  
98.6, RCI, Guadeloupe  
98.7, BBC. Trinidad-Tobago  
99.3, Raybow [sic] FM, Anguilla  
99.9, WE FM, Kingstown, St Vincent  
99.9, Music 99, Jamaica  
101.3, R Saint Louis, Martinica  
102.7, E, Zee Radio, St Vincent  
103.3, Kool FM Anguilla  
104.6, RCI Martinica  
105.1, Irie [sic] FM, Jamaica  
105.9, RFO, Martinica  
106.1, Voice of Life, Dominica  
106.6, Fra parallel 98.6, RCI Guadeloupe  
107.5, NBC Radio, St Vincent  
107.9, Kairi FM, Roseau, Dominica

[gh fixed numerous misspellings; next list presumably means unIDs -]

88.8  
89.9  
90.3  
91.7  
91.9  
92.3  
93.2  
94.9  
95.3  
95.7  
96.7  
97.8  
98.1  
98.3  
100.1  
103.9  
104.1  
104.3  
104.5  
105.7  
105.8

106.7

107.1

107.3

60 identificadas

24 n,,o identificados

11- Martinica

8- Dominica

6- Guadeloupe

6- Jamaica

6- Anguilla

5- Antigua Barbuda

3- Barbados

3- St Vincent

3- Santa L'cia

2- Porto Rico

2- Rep. Dominicana

1- Ilhas Cayman

1- Montserrat

1- Ilhas Virgens Americanas

1- Trinidad & Tobago

1- Grenada

--

Minhas gravações de emissoras escutadas aqui em Garopaba

<http://andersontorquato.wordpress.com/>

Meu outro site de gravações

<http://www.ipernity.com/doc/124523/home?with=14364471>

(Anderson JosÉ Torquato, Garopaba-SC, Jan 9, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Estimado Anderson, Para ns que moramos na cidade do Rio de Janeiro, ler essas suas escutas  o impossvel; no conseguimos escutar nada de lugar nenhum aqui de fora do alcance das emissoras, mal conseguimos escutas de alguma estao de locais um tanto mais distante sem nenhuma propagao, somente via direta.

... fantstico o que vemos de escutas ai na sua regio; eu acredito que deva existir uma propagao muito localizada, direcionada do Caribe para vocs, pois na sua lista no vemos nenhuma escuta de pases da Amrica Central, Venezuela, Colmbia, Mxico nem de nenhuma dos EUA; logo, pela minha deduo completamente leiga em DX de FM, pois eles no existem por aqui, podemos perceber que os pases que esto de fora de sua lista provavelmente esto fora do raio de ao desse tipo de propagao muito especial acima de 50 MHz.

Tudo isso  por demais fantstico para ns cariocas,  ver o impossvel acontecer, mas acontece e bem.



Eu n,,o tenho idÊia se um receptor de FM com uma antena direcional de uns 8 ou mais elementos poderia dar recepÁies dos paÍses limítrofes ao Caribe? Eu n,,o tenho a menor idÊia se isso pode acontecer? Um abraÁo e continue firme nas suas escutas de FM; elas s,,o alÊm do espetacular. (Alfredo Meurer Jr., ZY1-0001 SWL, ibid.)

Ola amigo Alfredo Explicar, explicar eu n,,o sei o por que de tudo isso acontecer. Eu sÛ sei que aproveito bem esse fato de acontecer essas escutas somente mais para o sul. Gostaria que mais pessoas aqui da regi,,o se dedicasse mais a esse tipo de escutas, mais conheÁo poucos que se dedicam a essa escuta (Anderson, ibid.)

Ajudar a identificar emissoras caribenhas sintonizadas ontem

Caros amigos: Querendo aumentar a minha lista de escutas de emissoras caribenhas que eu publiquei aqui na semana passada, quero pedir ajuda na identificaÁ,,o 7 emissoras que foram escutas um pouco no dia 8 e outro pouco no dia 12, ou seja nessa noite. Todas elas s,,o transmiss,,o em inglÊs, ent,,o se tiver um expert no idioma inglÊs, eu agradeÁo. As gravaÁies nas maiorias tem mais de 5 minutos. Muitos tem mais do que 10 minutos, ent,,o acho que vai facilitar a indentificaÁ,,o. Desde j· agradeÁo a todos que queiram ajudar a aumentar a minha lista de escutas de emissoras caribenhas na faixa de FM.

Foram escutadas emissoras das seguintes frequÊncias: 89.5, 90.1, 93.1, 95.1, 95.5, 97.7, e 101.1 MHz. Todas as gravaÁies das escutas se encontram no meu blog. O endereÁo das escutas Ê o seguinte:  
[https://andersontorquato.wordpress.com/2015/01/13/ajuda-na-identificacao-de-emissoras-caribenhas/?preview=true&preview\\_id=923](https://andersontorquato.wordpress.com/2015/01/13/ajuda-na-identificacao-de-emissoras-caribenhas/?preview=true&preview_id=923)

Muito obrigado (Anderson JosÊ Torquato, Garopaba-SC, Jan 13, andersonboegas@gmail.com radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Anderson, em 93.1 MHz, ouÁo por aqui a Kairi FM Jams (Dominica). Em 97.7 MHz, ouÁo a Up Beat Radio (Anguilla) e em 95.5 MHz, ouÁo a Radio Anguilla (Anguilla) e a ZJB - Radio Montserrat (Montserrat). Boas escutas. 73! (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso - PY5-007SWL, Bandeirantes - PR, Brasil, ibid.)

QST DE W1AW PROPAGATION FORECAST BULLETIN 2 ARLP002  
January 9, 2015 To all radio amateurs

All solar activity indicators rose this week, sunspot numbers, solar flux and geomagnetic indices.

On January 7 the interplanetary magnetic field tipped south, opening a crack to admit solar wind. This triggered the largest geomagnetic

storm since September 2014. That same day the planetary A index jumped to 38, pushing the average for the week to 17.7. The previous seven days (the final seven days of 2014) the average planetary A index was 13.9.

Average daily sunspot numbers on the first week of January were 108.1, compared to 102.9 in the final seven days of 2014. Likewise, average daily solar flux increased from 134.9 to 144.7.

The latest prediction has solar flux at 160 on January 9, 165 on January 10-11, 170 on January 12, 175 on January 13-14, 180 on January 15, then 170, 165, 160, 155, 145, 140 and 135 January 16-22, and reaching a minimum at 130 on January 23-27. Solar flux then rises to a maximum of 175 on February 8-11. The January 15 flux at 180 is the highest predicted solar flux for at least the next 45 days.

Predicted Planetary A index is 15 on January 9, 10 on January 10-12, 8 on January 13, 5 on January 14-20, then 10, 15 and 5 on January 21-23, then 10, 18 and 15 on January 24-26, then 8, 5, 10 and 12 on January 27-30, 15 on January 31 and February 1, then 10, 8 and 18 on February 2-4, 10 on February 5-7, 5 on February 8-16, then 10 and 15 on February 17-18.

Part of the new Space Weather Forecast Center web site is titled Radio Communication Dashboard:

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/communities/radio-communications>

Each of the three prediction displays is animated. Just hit the arrow button at the bottom, and the animation begins after a short delay.

The D Region absorption is important because the D Layer expands in daylight, and absorbs and attenuates lower frequency radio waves. This is why 160 meter signals don't propagate for long distances during daytime.

If 160 meters seems dead after dark, you might check the D Region absorption to see if absorption is the culprit.

Also on this page is a nice graphic showing aurora probability and one showing solar X-ray activity.

I ran across this page, which shows a display for Southern Hemisphere aurora:  
<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/products/30-minute-aurora-forecast>

It's been some time now since we introduced

<http://www.sunspotter.org/#/>

via this bulletin. We can help classify sunspots by choosing which of two images is the most complex (via Bill Smith, WOWOI via Joe Talbot, AB, DXLD)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

:Issued: 2015 Jan 12 0516 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>

#

# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

#

Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 05 - 11 January 2015

Solar activity was at low levels during the period. The largest flares of the period were a C7/2f at 05/1747 UTC from Region 2253 (S07, L=003, class/area Ekc/900 on 03 January), a C9 at 06/1148 UTC from around the southeast limb likely from old Region 2242 (S18, L=240), and a C9/1n at 09/0817 UTC from Region 2257 (N07, L=322, class/area Dki/480 on 09 January). Region 2253 was in a slow decay phase during the period as it approached the west limb, whereas Region 2257 grew moderately from its inception on 06 January until 10 January while developing a beta-delta magnetic configuration on 09 January. Region 2253 was responsible for the majority of the C-class activity from 05-08 January. Regions 2257 and 2259 (S16, L=241, class/area Eko/310 on 11 January) were largely responsible for the C-class activity during the remaining of the period. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections (CMEs) were observed during the period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal to moderate levels. Moderate levels occurred on 06-07 January and again on 09-11 January.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to severe storming during the period. The period began under the influence of a negative polarity coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) originating from a rather large southern polar coronal hole. Solar wind speeds ranged in the 420 km/s to 530 km/s range with total field reaching as high as 15 nT. Mostly quiet to unsettled levels were observed on 05-06 January with isolated active and minor storm (G1-Minor) periods observed. At approximately 07/0529 UTC, an increase in density and total field was observed without a

significant increase in solar wind speeds. Total field increased to a maximum of 23 nT at 07/0852 UTC while the Bz deflected southward to -21 nT at 07/0855 UTC. Bz continued to be negative for five and a half hours before it rotated northward possibly indicative of a transient feature and/or co-rotating interaction region. Phi angle also switched into a positive sector during this time at approximately 07/1035 UTC. By late on 07 January, total field had decreased to around 8 nT with solar wind speeds mostly in the 450 km/s to 500 km/s range. The geomagnetic field responded with major (G2-Moderate) to severe storm (G3-Strong) levels during the 07/0600-1200 UTC periods. Quiet to active periods were observed for the latter half of the day and into 08 January. Solar wind speeds declined towards nominal levels by early on 10 January, however a slow increase to near 600 km/s was observed on 11 January as a positive polarity CH HSS became geoeffective. Quiet to unsettled levels were observed on 09-11 January.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 12 JANUARY-07 FEBRUARY 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for moderate levels (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) from 12 January through 04 February due to possible M-class flare activity from Regions 2255 (S16, L=321, class/area Dai/160 on 04 January) or 2257 and the return of old Regions 2249 (S11, L=165) and 2253 (S07, L=003).

A chance for an S1 (Minor) solar radiation storm is likely from 29 January through the end of the forecast period due to possible significant flare activity from the return of old Region 2253.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at moderate to high levels on 13-14 January, 19-21 January, and again from 26 January through 07 February due to CH HSS activity.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to reach unsettled levels on 12-13 January, 17-19 January, 21-22 January, 24-27 January, 29 January-04 February, and again on 07 February. Active periods are likely on 22 January, 25 January, 31 January-01 February, and on 03 February due to recurrent CH HSS interaction.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt

:Issued: 2015 Jan 12 0516 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

#

# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2015-01-12

#

| #    | UTC    | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| #    | Date   | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2015 | Jan 12 | 160        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 13 | 175        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 14 | 175        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 15 | 180        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 16 | 180        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 17 | 175        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 18 | 155        | 12        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 19 | 155        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 20 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 21 | 140        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 22 | 135        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Jan 23 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 24 | 130        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 25 | 130        | 18        | 4        |
| 2015 | Jan 26 | 130        | 15        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 27 | 135        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 28 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Jan 29 | 140        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 30 | 140        | 12        | 3        |
| 2015 | Jan 31 | 145        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Feb 01 | 145        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Feb 02 | 145        | 12        | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 03 | 150        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Feb 04 | 155        | 12        | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 05 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Feb 06 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Feb 07 | 155        | 10        | 3        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1756, DXLD)

#### PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM GLENN FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF JANUARY 15

The Global HF Propagation Forecast from IPS in Australia thru January 17: Normal to fair; but occasional disturbed ionospheric support in Antarctic regions.

Spaceweather South Africa thru January 17 says magnetic conditions will be quiet to unsettled; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable.

F K Janda in Prague predicts the Geomagnetic field will be:  
 quiet thru January 17, 23  
 quiet to active on January 18, 21, 24, 26  
 mostly quiet on January 19, 28  
 active to disturbed January 20, 22, 25  
 quiet to unsettled on January 27

The outlook from SWPC in Boulder: Geomagnetic field expected to reach unsettled levels on January 17-19, 21-22, 24-27, Active periods likely on January 22, 25, 31, February 1 and 3. Low A and K indices of 5 and 2 only on January 16, 20, 23 and 28; peaking at 12 and 3 on January 18; 18 and 4 on the 25th; 15 and 4 on January 31st and February 1st. Solar flux peaking at 180 January 16, then dropping to 130 on the 24th to 26th, rising to 155 February 4.

Bill Hepburn's VHF-UHF TV-FM DX maps show extreme tropo ducting off Western Australia, and on Monday 19th also along the Great Australian Bight; Sunday the 18th off the west coast of South Africa; also along the coast of southern Brasil (via DXLD) ###